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WEATHER FORECAST
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Eastern New York—Generally fair and colder; light rains in extreme northwest portion.
New Jersey—Generally fair, colder at night.

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ITALIAN DRIVE SLACKENS AS CATALONIANS DIG IN TO STOP PUSH TO LOYALIST SEACOAST

'Daily' Correspondent at Front as Reserves Enter Trenches

By Joseph North

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

BARCELONA, March 31.—I have just returned from the fronts about Lerida and can report that though the Italians are still advancing in this sector, their drive is slowing down before the heightened Loyalist resistance.

I toured the lines in the company of weary commissars, many of whom had slept but few winks in the past 14 days, but whose jubilation grew as the work began to tell in its results.

Part of the tour was in a loudspeaker truck that rumbled up to the lines to explain to the green troops which had been recently drafted what to do about planes and how to halt the tanks with hand grenades.

Loudspeakers blared above the cannon thunder that tanks are vulnerable to hand grenades tossed under their caterpillar tracks and that bombing is ineffective against trenches, dugouts and deep fortifications.

ITALIANS SLACKEN PRESSURE

The loudspeaker roared all over the front on this Catalonian border that spade and shovel brigades are the shock troops of the hour.

It is true that the Italian motorized divisions continue to press upon Lerida from three directions, but the Republican troops, most of whom on this front are relatively green and have not had to face planes and tanks as did the men on the central sector, are rapidly learning what to do about the Junkers, Savoias and Messerschmidts.

Two hundred planes over Fargo succeeded in killing only some 50 men and wounding several hundred. The trenches were deep and the men refused to run, which would have left them open to strafing.

Though the men retreated, the resistance was so strong that the Italians slackened pressure on this road. They shunted their attack instead on the northern route from Barbastro, where they advanced toward Monzon and Binaced.

"RESIST! RESIST!"

I helped to scatter manifestoes to tens of thousands of troops going into the lines.

"Resist! Resist!" said the manifestoes issued by the United Socialist Party of Catalonia, the Communist Party and the General Workers' Federation, "Italian and German fascism seek to finish matters quickly because they know that we shall soon have an abundance of material and because the international scene is changing in our favor.

"We have defeated the invaders many times before, we will do it again!"

Other leaflets exhorted all men not in the army to dig fortifications. "One man well entrenched can hold off five who attack," they said.

Today the morale of the rookies is better. Drafted men, most of them, they had not learned the lesson the Madrilenos did from the picture, "We are from Kronstadt," in which the hero puts a tank out of commission by tossing hand-grenades beneath it.

But they are learning. On the front near Caspe, two tanks were captured yesterday. Italians operated them. They were small and fast machines, manning one machine gun. Its operator said the Italians expected to reach the coast in one week.

ITALIAN MORALE DROOPS

He indicated the morale of the Italians was weakening as the resistance grew. They fear another Guadalajara, he said.

Rookies at the front responded remarkably to the explanations of the commissars. I was told by

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Mexico Calls Special Session Of Its Congress

MEXICO CITY, March 31 (UP).—A special session of Congress was called today for April 11 to consider economic emergency legislation.

Support Mexican Democracy Against Oil Trusts and Fascism

Statement of the Central Committee, C.P., U.S.A.

The following statement on the Mexican oil situation was issued yesterday by the Central Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., over the signatures of the Party's chairman and general secretary, Comrades William Z. Foster and Earl Browder. Copy of the statement was sent to Vicente Lombardo Toledano, president of the National Confederation of Labor of Mexico.

The people of the United States and their democratic organizations must be on guard. The intervention of the U. S. Treasury and State Departments in the Mexican oil controvery on behalf of Wall Street and the Chamberlain Government is a blow against the democracy and peace of the Americas.

The decision of the U. S. Treasury Department to cancel the purchases of Mexican silver, in retaliation for the action of the Mexican government in enforcing its laws in respect to foreign oil companies, is in direct violation of the good neighbor policy set forth by President Roosevelt at the Buenos Aires conference.

It aims to interfere in the national affairs of Mexico, to disorganize the credit of the Mexican Governmens and to plunge the country into economic chaos and political strife. It signifies the application of economic and financial sanctions against a friendly democratic republic in behalf of the Anglo-American oil trusts, the British Foreign Office and the American tories, sanctions more drastic than any taken against the fascist war-making powers.

Similarly, the note of the U. S. State Department, sent to the Mexican Government on March 20, creates the impression of another hostile act against the friendly democratic country of Mexico. While it admits the Mexican Government acts within its rights, it seeks to intervene in the domestic affairs of Mexico in behalf of the Royal Dutch Shell and Standard Oil Companies—in behalf of international lawlessness and aggression, by demanding immediate financial settlement, at a time when all other nations are in financial default to the U. S.

Seventeen Anglo-American oil companies, operating and incorporated under Mexican law, have refused the modest economic demands of 25,000 under-paid oil

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EXTRA!
Loyalist Trap Wipes Out Fascist Division at Lerida

Trap Fascists at Gateway to Catalonia; Franco Division Decimated; Most Daring Maneouver of War; Gov't. Gives Facts on Nazi Forces

BARCELONA, March 31 (UP).—Fascist forces were reported tonight to have suffered enormous losses when enticed into a trap in the center of Lerida, fortified gateway to Catalonia, by a ruse of 15,000 Loyalists who lay in wait for them after making it appear that the city had been evacuated.

Eye-witnesses returning from the Lerida battlefront, 84 miles west of Barcelona, described the ruse as one of the most daring maneuvers of the 21-months-old war.

The fascist advance guard, composed largely of Moors, had reached the western outskirts of the city along the Saragossa-Lerida highway during the night.

At dawn the medieval city, perched atop a high hill, appeared undefended and virtually deserted. But the fascists were cautious. In strategic points of ambush inside the city the 15,000 Loyalists remained silent and alert.

A short time later the fascists, advancing along the Rambla De Aragon, sent 40 or 50 tanks into the center of the city. The Loyalist defenders were said to have remained silent and the tanks crews sent messengers back reporting that the government forces had fled.

During this time, it was said, a fascist air squadron flew low over the city without drawing fire although several anti-aircraft batteries — well camouflaged — were trained on them with full crews and plenty of ammunition.

The fascist infantry marched along the broad river road a short time later, it was reported, and advanced to the main square of Lerida.

FIRE AT SIGNAL

Then at a signal, the hidden Loyalists opened fire from windows, doorways and other points of vantage.

Hand grenades, machine guns and anti-tank guns contributed to the slaughter of the panicky fascists, witnesses said.

Two squadrons of Loyalist fighting planes were said to have gone into the air from a nearby airdrome and a few minutes later were fighting fascist planes in "dog fights" over the city.

From hundreds of roof tops Loy-

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Soviet Pilot Finds No Trace Of Levanevsky

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Mar. 31.—Pilot Moshkovsky of the famed Soviet Arctic air fleet today made a flight over the drifting ice northeast of Greenland in search of Sigismund Levanesky and his five companions, but reported finding no sign of them.

Levanevsky was lost last August while flying over the North Pole from Moscow to America, and a double search has been carried on for months from the American and Russian Arctic coasts.

5 Killed, 5 Hurt in Colliery Blast at Alberta, Canada

EDMONTON, Alta., March 31 (UP).—An explosion and fire at Hinton Collieries, 200 miles west of Edmonton in sparsely-settled territory, killed five miners and injured five others, according to reports received at Edmonton today.

The explosion occurred last night. Doctors and nurses went from Edson, 55 miles east, to the mine.

The dead were reported to be Tony Pasternak, Martin Strela, George Belecha, William Ilecka and Peter Phillipino.

C.I.O. Maritime Union Certified After Election On Standard Oil

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—The National Labor Relations Board today certified the National Maritime Union as exclusive bargaining agency for unlicensed personnel on vessels operated by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and the Malston Company, Inc., New York.

At Lerida Front

CARLOS CONTRERAS

20,000 STRIKE IN FUR SHOPS

Walkout 100% Effective Ben Gold Declares —Hearing Monday

A general strike of 20,000 fur workers in answer to a seven-week lockout tied up the entire fur manufacturing industry in the city yesterday morning.

At 7 A. M., groups of active workers flooded the market with the strike call which declared:

"We strike for security of the job. For division of work. For higher wages. For shorter working hours. For the protection of the elderly workers. Against the inhuman speed-up system. Against the sweatshop contracting system.

"We strike for a collective agreement which will enable the union to defend the union conditions and the lives of the workers and their families.

REPLY TO LOCKOUT

"The general strike is our reply to the lockout."

Ben Gold, president of the International Fur Workers' Union and chairman of the general strike committee, announced at noon that the strike was "100 per cent effective." Every worker in the industry, including cutters, operators, nailers, finishers, designers, pattern makers, floor boys and foremen, answered the strike call.

Spontaneous demonstrations were staged throughout the market and workers marched to the five strike halls to register. The union has established headquarters at the Royal Windsor, Manhattan Opera House, Irving Plaza, Greek Workers' Club and union auditorium.

Mass picketing is scheduled to

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Eddie Cantor Reveals Nazi Threats on His Life

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—Eddie Cantor, comedian, revealed before the Hadassah Society that he had received anti-Semitic and Nazi threats against his life and the lives of his wife and children.

Mr. Cantor was quoted as saying that Adolf Hitler "has made it his business to exterminate Jewry."

"My home, my wife and my children have been threatened," he said in an address to the society. "These Nazis have called up my wife and told her 'Tell Cantor to get out of Los Angeles before he is carried out in a pine box.'

"I don't care if they do get me now. This—the help of fellow Jews—is my life work. If I am gotten, some one else will carry on."

Mr. Cantor charged that Nazis had threatened sponsors of his radio broadcasts with a boycott by Germans if his programs continued.

EDDIE CANTOR

100 JOBLESS DEMONSTRATE IN CITY COUNCIL

Alliance Demands City Rescind Relief Cut at Finance Session

More than 100 unemployed workers, members of the Workers' Alliance, arose in a five-minute demonstration yesterday in the gallery of the City Council chamber and demanded, in the midst of finance committee hearing on taxation, that the 10 per cent relief cut imposed by the city be rescinded.

Councilman Joseph E. Kinsley, committee chairman, ordered the galleries cleared and police ejected the workers.

Meanwhile, New York's bankers threatened to bring an injunction against the city and tie the municipality up in lawsuits if the bank tax bill, offered by Councilman B. Charney Vladeck, Laborite, to finance part of the local unemployment relief, is passed.

THREATEN INJUNCTION

Through their spokesman, George V. McLaughlin, of the New York Clearing House Association, they also proposed that a tax of one cent be placed on each subway and "L" fare.

Wilbur L. Cummings, legal advisor for the Clearing House bankers, told the committee that he considered the Vladeck tax "illegal" and said it "will involve the city in a mess of lawsuits."

He threatened to bring an injunction against the city if the tax bill is passed.

While the hearing was in session more than 300 more unemployed workers, members of the Workers' Alliance, marched around City Hall shouting for the Council committee to act to rescind the relief cut put into effect by the Board of Estimate when the State Legislature failed to return to the city $12,000,000 utility tax moneys.

FUSS SPEAKS

The demonstration in the Council gallery started when Oscar Fuss, vice-president of the Workers' Alliance, was speaking, urging the committee to act at once on the tax measures, especially the bank tax, and rescind the 10 per cent cut.

Abner C. Surpless, Brooklyn Republican, asked Fuss:

"Were you one of those people who was raising me on Tuesday?" He was referring to an earlier demonstration of relief workers.

"I wish I was," Fuss replied. "You go back and tell those people they won't get anywhere by rioting," Surpless shouted.

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Senate Comm. Completes Tax Bill Revision

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—The Senate Finance Committee today completed revision of the House-approved tax bill.

Chairman Pat Harrison, D., Miss., estimated that the revised bill, in which the undistributed profits tax was abandoned and the capital gains and losses levy was modified drastically, would produce $23,000,000 more in revenue than the House bill, on the basis of business in 1938.

The chairman said the revenue would exceed by approximately $1,000,000 the $5,331,000,000 revenue estimated to be needed to meet governmental expnditures.

VIOLENT TORY ATTACK MARKS REORGANIZATION BILL DEBATE IN HOUSE

Browder's Statement On Roosevelt's Letter

In response to a query from Transradio Press, Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, issued the following statement on Roosevelt's answer to Tory charges of "dictatorship." Text of the statement follows:

President Roosevelt has merely emphasized the obvious in his disclaimer of dictatorial ambitions.

The fact is that he is very hesitant in exercising the clear democratic mandate of 1936. But it is valuable for him to directly give the lie to the reactionaries of both parties who are trying to exercise an undemocratic veto to cancel the 1936 elections. That is the source of real dangers of dictatorship.

FDR Hurls Back Dictatorship Charge

President Makes Public Letter to Friend in Which He Defends Democratic Aims of the Reorganization Bill

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., March 31 (UP).—White House attaches awakened newspaper correspondents assigned to President Roosevelt from bed early today and handed them copies of a letter which the President had written to an unnamed friend to defend the government reorganization bill and to deny that he aspired to be an "American dictator."

Mr. Roosevelt wrote his friend:

"(A) I have no inclination to be a dictator.

"(B) I have none of the qualifications which would make me a successful dictator.

"(C) I have too much historical background and too much knowledge of existing dictatorships to

The text of President Roosevelt's letter appears on Page 4.

make me desire any form of dictatorship for a democracy like the United States of America."

The President then entered into a detailed discussion of the government reorganization bill which reactionary critics attempt to prove would give him "dictatorial powers." He said the bill passed by the Senate Monday by a slender margin and up for debate in the House today, was the "culmination of an effort started over 40 years ago to make the business end—I. E., the executive branch—of the Federal Government more business-like and more efficient. Seven or eight of my immediate predecessors in the presidency have recommended similar reorganization measures."

ASSAILS TELEGRAM BARRAGE

Mr. Roosevelt made copies of his letter public some hours after the Senate had debated heatedly his Tuesday's press conference comment on Senate passage of the bill. Mr. Roosevelt said then that the Senate had proved that it could not be "purchased" by organized telegrams based upon misrepresenta-

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New Deal Supporters Win Test Vote on Consideration

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Hysterical attacks on President Roosevelt from tory opponents of the New Deal and a general stiffening of administration lines characterized the situation in the House today as debate on the reorganization bill got under way.

A Hearst editorial and a statement full of wild charges against the President by Frank E. Gannett, reactionary newspaper publisher, were received by every Congressman during the course of the day's debate.

Both documents were mailed from New York by the National League to Uphold Constitutional Government. Headed by Gannett, the League was formed to fight the President's court reform proposals and has been attacking the New Deal ever since.

Reflecting this kind of propaganda, villification and abuse of the President reached a new low on the House floor.

WIRE BARRAGE SLACKENS

In a personal attack on President Roosevelt in answer to his statements ridiculing the charges that he intends to become a dictator, Representative Dewey Short, Republican of Missouri, said:

"Assurances are no good when they come from one who cares no more for them than a tomcat cares about a marriage license in a back alley on a dark night."

Despite the growing hysteria of tory opponents of the reorganization bill, the torrent of telegrams engineered by Gannett and the fascist radio priest of Detroit, Father Charles E. Coughlin, shows signs of petering out.

Western Union and Postal Telegraph reported a total of 22,000 telegrams sent to House members last night and today. This is less than half of the more than 60,000 telegrams received by Senators in the same period of time earlier in the week.

WINS IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

On the whole, the House seems to be less jittery about the telegram barrage and about the wild charges of "dictatorship" and "fascism" hurled by tory Democrats and Republicans than was the Senate.

In the only test vote of the day, the lines of New Deal supporters seemed to be holding up well. The House voted by 202 to 143 to give immediate consideration to the reorganization bill.

Increased confidence on the part of the President's supporters was attributed to his fighting statements from Warm Springs answering critics of the reorganization bill.

Another factor is held to be the increasing realization that the telegrams are inspired and represent no real mass sentiment.

GANNETT ATTACK

A few choice paragraphs from Gannett's statement attacking the President are worth quoting. Because they set the tone for tory Democrats and Republicans who charge the progressive New Deal with trying to establish a "dictatorship," Gannett said in part:

"The Nation's number one lobbyists attempt to 'smear' all citizens who dare raise their voices in protest against his grab for more power, is an unprecedented piece of effrontery.

"Let Mr. Roosevelt face the facts. Senators of his own party charge him with misuse of patronage and the promising or withholding of relief funds and government projects, as well as misuse of his control over state political organizations, to whip Senators into line. The pages of the Congressional Record are authority for this.

"Mr. Roosevelt has caused to be appropriated for use of his discretion fifteen billion dollars—nine times more than all previous Presidents combined. He promised impartial and non-political administration of this most gigantic trusteeship in history.

"Its misuse to influence votes in Congress, to build a personally-controlled political machine, to fill

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CIO Asks AFL Rail Unions Back Kennedy

Penn. Council Session Calls for Unity in Resolution

By Carl Reynolds

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 31.—The Pennsylvania Industrial Union Council of the CIO in convention here today adopted a resolution inviting the American Federation of Labor and the Railroad Brotherhoods to "organize parallel action to bring about a victory for Thomas Kennedy," labor's candidate for governor.

Another resolution adopted called for unity between the A. F. of L. and CIO.

The Council convention of 1,281 delegates representing 508,000 members voted to ask for the enactment of the O'Connell resolution lifting the arms embargo on Loyalist Spain.

Patrick T. Fagan, State Chairman of Labor's Non-Partisan League, read the resolution, which levelled a shaft at the "Republican Tory" Party and stressed that achievements "in the field of organization, progressive, labor and social legislation, were primarily due to the united efforts of the labor movement."

Fagan urged the delegates to go out and actively campaign for Kennedy. He advised that every organized worker contribute $1 to the election of Kennedy.

"It would be the best invest-

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Senate Winds Up Action on TVA Probe

Resolution for Joint Probe Group Sent to F.D.R.

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP).—The Senate today completed Congressional action on the resolution to create a joint congressional committee to investigate the Tennessee Valley Authority.

It agreed without debate to House amendments and sent the measure to Warm Springs, Ga., for the President's signature.

Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, D., Ky., brought the amendments before the Senate at the opening of the session.

When signed, there will be created for the first time a joint investigating committee with the formal approval of a President. Committees usually are formed by concurrent resolution, requiring only approval of both Houses of Congress.

Vice-President John N. Garner said that he was ready to name five Senators for the committee as soon as the President signs.

Speaker William B. Bankhead has not decided who to appoint. But he has eliminated representatives from the Tennessee Basin and insists that the three Democrats and two Republicans he will name must be "unbiased."

TONITE. Young Congress Dance, Mecca Temple. (Adv.)

C. P. Urges Members to Pack Garden Peace Meeting Monday

ONE FOOT

There's only one foot between safety and disaster for Roger Tschumi, one-legged mountain guide, as he stands on a mountain in La Dole, near Geneva, Switzerland. He's rescuing a dog that he discovered on a ledge of rock, during a climb over the mountain.

Fascist Aragon Drive Paved by 'Non-Intervention' Of France, Britain, Says Pravda; Sees Spain Victory

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, March 31. — The Spanish people will find the courage and strength to turn the present huge Nazi-Italian offensive on the Aragon plains into another Madrid, Pravda declares today in a special article on the Spanish situation and its international significance.

The Communist Party central organ warns that this offensive has only been possible because of the complacent and suicidal "non-intervention" practiced against the Spanish Republic by the two nations most immediately threatened after Spain itself by the German-Italian war—France and Great Britain.

The objective of the powerful mechanized drive is to cut Loyalist Spain in two and thereby restrict the opportunities of the Spanish people for successful resistance.

"On the Aragon front the German and Italian interventionists are trying to find a solution to the long, drawn-out war," Pravda notes.

"In point of quantity of troops and equipment, this offensive of the interventionists and rebels is being carried through on the largest scale yet seen.

LASHES FASCIST BRUTALITY

"The barbarous brutality of the German and Italian air fleets in attacking the peaceful population of the Republican cities exceeded the destruction of Guernica and other cities on the Northern front, which had been unparalleled in history.

"The army of interventionists and rebels was reinforced by military units and equipment sent in great numbers from Germany and Italy."

After reviewing the latest military operations in Spain, Pravda declares:

"Undoubtedly the main condition for the advance of the interventionists and rebels is the mistaken policy of the British and French governments, which maintain the viewpoint of so-called 'non-intervention' which deprives Republican Spain of the possibility of acquiring military equipment, but which allows the interventionists ample scope of activity.

"Thanks to the policy of these 'democratic' countries the Spanish people have been completely isolated and cut off from the outside world.

"The policy of 'non-intervention,' accompanied by the toleration of the German and Italian interventionists who are quite openly shipping troops and technical equipment for waging the war and who are continuing the offensive against the Spanish people.

"The offensive of the fascists is being conducted under the direction of the Italian and German general staffs.

"Fresh reinforcements and military equipment is constantly flowing in from Germany and Italy in increased numbers. The large-scale air attacks of the interventionists directly upon the battlefield is assisting the advance of the fascist infantry which is far inferior in fighting ability to the soldiers of the Republican army.

"At present the interventionists and rebels have concentrated on the Aragon front an army of 300,000 men and not less than 500 airplanes.

"The offensive of the interventionists on the Aragon front has worsened the general operative and strategic position of the Republican troops.

"By their drive towards the Mediterranean seaboard, the fascists apparently intend to divide the territory of Republican Spain into two isolated parts and thereby complicate still further the continued struggle of the Spanish people.

A meeting of pioneers at he home for Spanish children in Moscow, one of several havens established by the Soviet Union for innocent refugees from Italian and German bombardments.

"However, in this highly complicated situation as well, the Spanish people is finding and will continue to find within itself the forces for continued struggle.

PEOPLE GREET C. P. CAMPAIGN

"The campaign started by the Communist Party to mobilize the forces of the working people is finding a warm response throughout the country.

"The Republican youth is enthusiastically joining the ranks of the newly-formed divisions.

"Under the banner of the People's Front the masses of the Spanish people are constantly closing ranks still more firmly in their determination to continue the irreconcilable struggle against international fascism for their freedom and independence.

"The tenacity of the Republican troops who in unequal conditions have repulsed a number of furious attacks of the Italian troops at Caspe and Alcaniz, when wounded fighters refused to evacuate to the rear and remained at the front, as well as a number of successful attacks carried through on another front during the last few days, speak of the peerless heroism of peoples who know what they are fighting for.

"During the alarming days of the battles at the gates of Madrid in November, 1936, the Spanish people displayed examples of organization and enthusiasm, found in themselves the forces to repulse the gangs of German and Italian fascism and their hirelings, headed by General Franco.

"There is no doubt that in the present difficult situation as well, the Spanish people will find the courage and strength to organize a repulse and continue the successful struggle for their freedom and independence, for the cause of the whole of advanced and progressive mankind.

LINK IN FASCIST CHAIN

"It is absolutely clear to all thinking, progressive men that the offensive of the German and Italian interventionists against the Spanish people is an offensive of fascism against democracy and freedom in all countries.

"The seizure and enslavement of Austria by German fascism, the preparations for the seizure of Czechoslovakia and the events on the Lithuanian frontier are links in one and the same chain.

"German troops have been openly stationed on the Franco-Spanish frontier in the region of Irun and San Sebastian.

"These facts are a menacing warning to the ruling circles in France."

RALLY TO SPUR JOINT PEACE ACTION IN U. S.

Peace Group Rally Mon. At Garden to Hear Noted Speakers

Urging every member, every sympathizer of the Communist Party, every peace-loving progressive to act for peace now, before it is too late, the New York State Committee of the Communist Party endorsed the huge peace rally to be held at Madison Square Garden Monday Night, April 4, and urged its entire membership to attend en mass.

Called under the auspices of the Committee for Peace Through World Cooperation, the meeting already has the endorsement of outstanding individuals and organizations of almost all shades of political and religious belief.

The Party's statement pointed out that the organization of the Committee for Peace Through World Cooperation was in itself an expression of the growing recognition by all sections of the American people that the only way out of war is through collective action.

C. P. STATEMENT

The statement said:

"In wholehearted agreement with the purposes of the peace rally to be held at Madison Square Garden Monday night, April 4, under the auspices of the Committee for Peace through World Cooperation, the New York State Committee of the Communist Party calls on every member, every sympathizer of the Party, every progressive who wants to keep America out of war, NOW, before it is too late, to make themselves a committee of one to pack the Garden Monday night to the overflowing point.

"Our heartiest support is given to this committee's timely action in uniting the representatives of many different religious faiths and political beliefs to keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world. The Committee, composed of Catholics Jews, Protestants and outstanding individuals of the international peace movement, is in itself an expression of increased recognition by the American people that the only way out of war is through collective security."

Internationally renowned speakers at the Garden rally include: Clark Eichelberger, just returned from a tour of war imperiled Europe, who will give an inside report on what has been happening during the last few months. Eichelberger, now National Director of the League of Nations Association, has been active in peace movements since the world war.

Excise on Tires Cut

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP). —The Senate Finance Committee today voted to lower the excise tax 2¼ cents per pound on tires and 4 cents per pound on tubes.

U. S. Notifies Powers of Navy Building

Invokes Escalator Clause Of London Agreement, Nations Told

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP). —The American government today formally notified France Great Britain and its dominions of its intention to invoke the escalator clause of the 1936 London Naval Agreement.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull dispatched a note to this effect to the British and French embassies and the Canadian legation. The note to the British embassy was also intended for communication to the Australian, New Zealand and British-Indian governments. A copy of the note was sent to the Canadian legation. A separate note was sent to the French embassy.

While officials declined to reveal the contents of the notes, it generally was assumed it represented U. S. abandonment of the treaty limitation of 35,000 tons for battleships. This abandonment and invocation of the so-called escalator clause would plunge the United States into the international naval armament race.

United States withdrawal from the 35,000-ton limitation with prospective construction of dreadnaughts far over the tonnage was expected to be followed by similar action by France and Great Britain.

The action was based on refusal of Japan to give assurances that it is not building or does not propose to build ships of more than 35,000 tons.

It was understood that no top limit was put on the size of battleships constructed under the escalator clause.

LONDON, March 31 (UP) Britain and the United States today formally exchanged letters invoking the escalator clause of the London naval limitation treaty of 1936.

This action will permit building of super-battleships by signers of the treaty.

Italian Pilot Shot Down

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

HANKOW, March 31.—An Italian airman was killed when he was shot down during a Japanese air raid on China, it was announced today. This verified previous reports that Italian war pilots were active in the Japanese air force.

Argentine Is Urged to Ban Nazi Activity

Federal Government Is Warned of Hitler Moves in Province

BUENOS AIRES, March 31 (UP). The Federal Government today was urged to suppress Nazi activities in La Pampa territory where Argentine-born children of German immigrants are taught only Nazi ideals.

Governor Perez Virasoro of La Pampa reported from Santa Rosa that there were German schools in his territory where Spanish, the official language of this country, is unknown to the children and that an "extended arm salute, accompanied by invoking the name of a certain European personage," is commonly practiced.

Such schools, the Governor said, flourish in the colonies of Santa Maria, Santa Teresa, Santo Rosario, San Jose, Medanos Blancos and Hucal.

"I consider the time has arrived," the Governor said, "to put a stop to such inadmissable activities."

Commenting on the report, the newspaper La Prensa criticised such schools and urged the national educational authorities to act.

The paper assailed those who "contemplate in silence such inroads into 'Argentinism' and appear to ignore the grave dangers engendered through the spread of schools in which the language, symbols and even the authorities belong or desire to belong to foreign sovereignties."

Browder, Olgin At Freiheit Hipp Anniversary Sat.

Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party and M. J. Olgin, editor of the Morning Freiheit will address the mass celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the Yiddish Communist daily, Morning Freiheit. The celebration will be held at the Hippodrome, 43rd Street and Sixth Avenue Saturday, April 2 at 8 P. M.

The program will include a new ballet "Biro-Bidjan" by Anna Sokolow and her dance group; renditions by the well-known tenor Maxim Brodin and a concert by the young violin virtuoso master, Arnold Eidus. The Artef players will produce an original playlet.

Paul Novick, co-editor of the Morning Freiheit, will act as chairman.

Tickets are now on sale at the Workers Bookshop and the Morning Freiheit, 50 E. 13th St.

Alan Max to Speak On Moscow Trials At Bronx Meeting

Alan Max, editorial board member of the Daily Worker, will speak on the meaning of the Moscow trials tonight at the Senate Hall, 310 E. 138th St., Bronx. The meeting, sponsored by the 8th A. D. Branch of the Communist Party, begins at 8 o'clock.

Dickstein Asks Immigration Quota Increase

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Representative Dickstein (Dem., N. Y.) proposed an increase today in immigration quotas for refugees from Central Europe. He asked Congress to pool unused quotas of all nations.

NETHERLANDS ACCEPTS

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, March 31.—The Netherlands Government announced today it had "gratefully accepted" Secretary of State Hull's invitation to join an international committee for the aid of European political refugees.

MELBOURNE, Australia, March 31.—Prime Minister Joseph A. Lyons served notice today that his government, much as it sympathizes with the plight of the Austrian Jews, cannot permit a "large influx of aliens into Australia."

His statement was made in reply to a message from the British consulate at Vienna that it has received 6,000 applications for Australian visas from Austrian Jews.

U. S. Reporter Is Attacked By Japanese

SHANGHAI, Friday, April 1 (UP). —U. S. Consul General Clarence Gauss today protested to his Japanese colleague against an assault on V. F. Meisling, an American reporter on the British-owned North China Daily News, by a Japanese soldier.

Meisling was mauled on Monday while attempting to photograph crossed Japanese and Chinese flags on the New Asia Hotel, Shanghai headquarters of the new pro-Japanese government established in Nanking.

In Canton the U. S. Consulate General was investigating the machine-gunning by Japanese naval planes of an automobile in which John P. Anderson, a Seventh Day Adventist missionary, was motoring to Waichow from Canton on Tuesday.

Greatest Mass Balloon Flight Is Held in Moscow

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, March 31.—The greatest massed balloon flight in the history of Soviet lighter-than-air navigation was held here yesterday.

The objective of the flight was to remain in the air three hours and then land within one kilometer (five-eighths of a mile) of a railway.

Within four to five hours after starting time, reports began to arrive in Moscow flight headquarters of successful landings.

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Loyalist Trap Wipes Out Fascist Division at Lerida

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alists peppered hand bombs at the massed fascist troops and at the enemy tanks.

The witnesses said the fascists hurriedly withdrew, leaving four or five damaged tanks and many wounded.

After being driven from the city the enemy battalions were said to have begun a vast encircling operation.

A Government War Office communique tonight said that the fascists continued to advance upon Lerida but were meeting with stiff resistance.

SURRENDER GRAUS

South of Lerida the Loyalists admitted surrendering the town of Graus but asserted that a large counter-offensive in the Guadalajara region northwest of Madrid had resulted in the capture of four towns.

Another Defense Ministry communique charged that Germany was installing 30 heavy cannon in Spanish fascist territory along the French border and is preparing to "ventilate the Alsace-Lorrain question."

It was charged that Germans belonging to the Condor Legion were the only ones permitted to enter these fortified areas menacing France and that the Biscay Ports of Bilbao and Pasajes had been made German bases for war material.

NAZI ACTIVITY IN SPAIN

The communique contained many details of German activity in Spain.

"Recent planes from Germany include one Heinkey Chaser No. 48, one Heinkel Bomber No. 12, one Messerschmidt Chaser No. 32, one large Rehrbach Bomber No. 6, various tri-motored Junkers Bombers No. 18 and various four-motored Junkers Bombers No. 2," the communique stated.

"The following rebel ports have been used by the Germans in recent weeks for unloading war material: Santaider, Bilbao, Pasajes, Villa Garcia de la Rosa, Vigo, El Ferrol and La Corunna. Special airdromes have been established at Burgos, Vitoria and Avila. An entire regiment of German aviation completely occupies the barracks at Avila. The sentinels also are German.

"Shipments of war material from Pasajes and Bilbao are distributed by trucks bearing the German swastika, which pass freely throughout rebel Spain without being halted. Merchant ships bringing war material from Germany enter rebel ports protected by German warships and submarines.

"The Ministry of Defense has information relating to the personnel of various German barracks in rebel Spain. These are regular German army men.

BARE NAZI PILOT DOWNED

"The crew of a bomber shot down on March 15 were all Germans. The pilot was Alfred Tonollo, the wireless operator was Hermann Strohscheir and the mechanic was H. Smitz. Taken prisoner, they said they were from the German air base at Pollenza, Mallorca. All of the Pollenza airmen belong to the German air force.

"The same plane, piloted that time by the German Lieut. Rudolf Ruker, bombed British vessels, including the Stanwell, the prisoners said.

"Junkers bombers today attacked Sagunto, Burriana, Mataro, Sangines and Devillasar, killing five persons, wounding 30 and destroying several buildings. The air raid alarm signal was sounded in Barcelona, but the planes did not come this far."

Mexican Unions to Receive Training in Military Tactics

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, March 31.—The Ministry of National Defense announced that the Minister of Defense, General Avila Camacho, has approved a plan to give military training to trade union organizations.

The program provides for two semesters, one to include individual training, while the second will develop a base for a general understanding of the operation of the various arms of the army.

The Ministry has already given instructions to the commanders of all military zones to immediately begin the work of instructing workers in military science. It is expected that the first results of this work will be shown in the demonstrations of May 1.

Italian Drive Slackens as Spain Digs in

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Carlos Contreras, former Political Commissar of the Fifth Regiment which later became the nucleus of the People's Army, that the task now is to increase this work.

It is increasing steadily, hour after hour. Trucks rumble to the front bearing tons of Barcelona newspapers and leaflets.

Officials of the trade unions and People's Front organizations everywhere are encouraging the men. The loudspeakers carry their voices all over Catalonia.

Coming down by night on the Lerida highway, I saw signposts erected in peacetime for autoclubs. The finger pointed, "A Francia"—to France.

"ALL CATALONIA DIGS IN"

Moroccan cavalry, motorized divisions and Italian infantry deploy along this road less than 60 miles from the border.

French Foreign Minister Joseph Paul-Boncour said the other day that France will never allow non-Spanish troops at the Pyrenees.

From where we were on the Huesca front you could see the foothills of the Pyrenees. I wondered what Paul-Boncour would feel if he saw them from where we were.

"If we had 200 more planes they could not advance an inch," a weary commissar told me. France and the other democracies can well heed this cry. 200 planes to save mankind from world war!

Meanwhile hollow-eyed commissars and their heroic brothers in the trenches dig in. The resourcefulness of the people is endless. Lacking enough anti-aircraft guns and planes they grab pick and shovel.

All Catalonia is digging in!

Nazi Bombers in Spain Sought British Vessels

BARCELONA, March 31 (UP). —The Defense Ministry announced today that three German airmen shot down in a bomber on March 15 were from a German air base at Pollenza, Majorca.

The prisoners, according to the announcement, said they had bombed or attempted to bomb British merchant ships.

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Czechs Ban All Meetings To Halt Nazis

New Citizenship Clause Proposed in Chamber By Government

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, March 31 (UP).—The government, facing mounting opposition from the Nazi Sudeten German party, tonight announced a four-weeks ban on all political meetings and demonstrations beginning tomorrow.

The decree was explained as necessary to "becalm public feeling."

At the same time the government introduced a bill in parliament providing conditions for granting or annulling Czechoslovakian citizenship.

The opposition, especially the Sudeten Germans, is expected to fight the clause requiring that those applying for citizenship have a knowledge of the Czechoslovak naguage.

Thomas Hodina, Sudeten Nazi deputy, charged meanwhile in the Chamber that the Czechoslovak majority parties "lack both the insight and good will required in solving fundamental questions."

Nazis Say Duce's War Speech in Line with Reich

BERLIN, March 31 (UP): — The German Foreign Office organ today commended the warlike speech yesterday of Premier Benito Mussolini and said that his policy was in complete harmony with the Third Nazi Reich.

The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, commenting on the new Rumanian cabinet formed yesterday, welcomed the appointment of the formed minister to Berlin as foreign minister.

"Thus Rumania's foreign policy will be controlled by a personage having first hand knowledge of the new Germany," the paper said. "Personal relations between the new Rumanian foreign minister and leading men of the Third Reich may under certain circumstances play an important role in determining Rumania's future policy."

Freight Bill Killed

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP). —The House Interstate Commerce Committee today killed a bill approved last summer by the Senate which would limit the length of freight trains to 70 cars. The committee voted 14 to 7 not to report

China Seamen Say Tokio Hides Real Aim Behind Anti-Communist Screen

14,000 in Shanghai Make Appeal to Central Gov't. Front; Pledge Never to Live Under Rule of Japan; Urge Rooting Out of Traitors

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

HANKOW, March 31.—An appeal of 14,000 Chinese seamen in Shanghai to the Central Government, the commanders and the soldiers at the front, was published in the Hankow press today.

"Under a make-believe of struggle against Communism, Japan is striving to conquer China," the appeal declares. "The Chinese people cannot and must not allow this to happen.

"All members of our union solemnly pledge not to live under the same sun with the Japanese marauders.

"We hope that all citizens of Shanghai, inspired by the instructions of Chiang Kai-shek, will not submit to the puppet 'government' established by the Japanese militarists.

"The people will fight against the Japanese marauders until they are completely destroyed and they will root out traitors in the rear."

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Employer Chiseling Is Costing Thousands Jobless Insurance

Situation Becomes Acute As Union Members Push Claims

By George Morris

ARTICLE I

"What's holding up my unemployment insurance?"

Tens of thousands are asking this question.

According to the Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance there are at least 65,000 applicants for unemployment insurance who continue to press their claim for benefits though they were informed that they are ineligible or were shortpaid.

Of nearly a million applicants, 378,440 of whom were found eligible by March 26, only 322,758 were paid by that date.

Of 846,641 applicants investigated by March 26, 222,989 were told that there is no record of money paid upon them by employers; 104,676 others were informed that not enough earnings are recorded to entitle them to payments.

Among the latter two categories a large number are still waiting for checks before beginning to press their claims.

The holdup in the normal functioning of the insurance act has become an acute issue in many unions as members besiege their offices for protection and advice on their claims. Union floors have become a forum on the Insurance law with many amendments already suggested for the coming sessions of the legislature.

SEEN STEP FORWARD

But one fact stands out; all workers are united, irrespective of differences among themselves, on the idea that the present act with its many weaknesses is a step forward in social legisltion and a starting point from which a much better act could be hammered out in the course of time.

Reactionary sources, meanwhile, blow up every weakness in the operation of the law as an argument against the act itself, to discredit and eventually to kill it.

At bottom of the most serious difficulties in the proper administration of the law, is the sabotage and "chiseling" of many employers —thousands of them. A worker's mistake in an application blank can cause delay. The address or name of employers may be wrong; a social security number may not be listed for the worker or there may be some mistake along the huge belt in the administrative apparatus. But such mistakes are soon caught and easily corrected.

It is the failure of an employer to pay upon his workers, or making insufficient payments and then trying to conceal the crime by the advice of "expert bookeepers," which gives the administration almost a detective's job to establish a worker's claim, and only a handful of adult and payroll examiners to do it with.

9,862 EMPLOYERS FAIL TO PAY

In the middle of October, at almost the end of two years of payments into the insurance fund, as the flood of the first applications were to come in, State Industrial Commissioner Elmer F. Andrews revealed that 9,862 employers, employing about 100,000 workers, had not paid and that at least as many other violators of the act are expected to be uncovered.

But another source of difficulty is that among 100,000 employers who Andrews said did make payments, there are also violators—those who did not pay in full or failed to account for all their employes. From that arises the charge of many that their earnings were kept below the eligible category or reduced the number of weeks to which they can drew benefit checks.

Benefits ranging from $7 a week to $15 for a minmum of 15 weeks in any year, are related to earnings for the "base" year. The minimum earning to entitle one to benefits must be 18 times average weekly earnings, or in the lowest category $126 and in the highest $270.

An employer has several incentives to defraud the government on social legislation taxes. In addition to a desire to save on the insurance tax (1 per cent in 1936; 2 per cent in 1937 and 3 per cent in 1938) he also wants to "save" on the Social Security tax, part of which he already deducted from the weekly envelopes. In the case of industries with hazardous labor, for which he is charged high rates of compensation insurance, there is still a third and greater stake.

CHISELING ON BOOKS

But if he pays one in full, he must pay the others on the same basis, for fear that an intercheck of records will lead some revenue collector to catch up with him. Therefore if he chisels on one, or omits to account for certain workers, he must repeat his violation in a corresponding manner in the other.

In certain industries the abuse is scandalous. One fur employer cynically told a representative of the Furrier's Union that he keeps "four sets of books; one for the government, one for the union, one for the workers and one for myself." In the case of the smaller shops many employers find it convenient to keep no books. In the same fashion as an industry of "experts" on income taxes has grown up so there are agencies arising today for "expert" handling of Unemployment insurance and social security payments.

In certain industries a worker has special difficulties to establish his claim. In the building industry one may have as many as 20 or more jobs a year. There he hopes to find that every one of those employers properly paid their obligation. Otherwise he must give proof — a record of his employment and earnings with each and fellow employes in each case who would sign as witnesses—if he wants to establish his claim for the full benefit.

Waiters working as temporary help or extras, taxi drivers whose wages are related to the amount they check in, seasonal or part time workers, have similar difficulties to establish their claim and their employers are, as a rule, the worst offenders.

TECHNICAL BARS LIFTED

In all fairness to the administration it should be said that serious efforts are being made to clean off the backlog. The act provides that the employer's violations are not a bar to the worker's receipt of benefits, only the latter must furnish proof of employment and earnings. Commissioner Andrews recently lifted some of technical bars that held up the claims of the 65,000 providing for certification by unions, witnesses or by a signatures of the employers. This eliminates the necessary waiting for a full examination by investigators.

A large part of the 4,000 employees of the Division of Unemployment Insurance are members of the State, County and Municipal Employees and work overtime and consciously as union men to make the Insurance act work. But no amount of efficiency can forestall all employers' violations. It is when workers place their claims and insist upon them that violations are discovered.

This is where the union unemployment committee plays an important part which will be the subject of tomorrow's article.

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Fur Union Aids Jobless

Some of the 9,500 furriers who in the past three months straightened out their claims for unemployment insurance through the Unemployment Committee of the Furriers Joint Council, 250 W. 26th St., are shown above.

Alliance Hipp Rally April 7 to Open Parley

To Urge Lehman Call Relief Session; Plan Fight

The mass meeting at the Hippodrome Thursday, April 7, opening the three-day New York City convention of the Workers Alliance will rally the unemployed in the next stage of the fight against the 10 per cent cut in relief, Alliance leaders declared yesterday.

The meeting will follow one day after a delegation of more than 100 representing branches of the Workers Alliance in New York will place the relief situation before Governor Lehman at Albany to convince him to call a special session of the legislature on relief.

"We will also bring before that mass meeting a call to all unemployed to apply the entire 10 per cent cut on the rent portion of their budget," Oscar Fuss, vice-president of the Alliance said.

The opening at the Hippodrome will be followed by three days of sessions by delegates of all branches of Greater New York at which the work of the Alliance for the past year and the accute relief situation will be taken up.

The Hippodrome mass meeting is receiving support of some of the largest unions in the city, Fuss said. Among those that took tickets are the United Shoe Workers, United Office & Professional Workers, Painters District Council 9, United Furniture Workers, United Radio & Electric Workers, Musicians Local 802 Transport Workers Union and Hotel & Restaurant Workers Joint Board.

WITH the UNIONS

Negotiations between the Cafeteria Employes Union, Local 302, and the Affiliated Restaurateurs and Cafeteria Owners Association for a collective agreement covering 4,000 workers in 100 shops opens today in the employers' offices, 570 Seventh Ave.

The union is seeking the eight-hour day and vacations with pay for the organized cafeteria employes. Today's conference will deal with cafeterias which are not part of chains. Further conferences covering the latter are planned for the near future.

Although the union has signed hundreds of closed shop agreements with individual employers, the agreement which will result from the negotiations is the first with an employers' association.

CAFETERIA WORKERS ASK SPAIN EMBARGO LIFTED

Resolutions urging Secretary of State Hull to lift the unfair embargo against Spain and the Foreign Relations Committee to repeal the Neutrality Act were sent to Washington yesterday.

The resolutions were adopted by 400 cafeteria workers Wednesday night at a Communist Party meeting at Irving Plaza Hall where Carl Brodsky, member of the State Committee, spoke on the meaning of the Moscow trials.

PLUMBERS ORDERED TO HALT BRONX JOBS

The United Association of Plumbers, Local 463, A. F. of L., yesterday ordered its men to refuse to work for members of the Master Plumbers Association of the Bronx.

James Donahue, union president, said that the Association had turned down union requests for a contract, although three other associations have signed agreements.

Pa. Labor Board Tells Grant Co. to Rehire Worker

(Special Cable to the Daily Worker)

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 31.—The Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board today directed W. T. Grant Co., Inc., New Kensington, Pa., to reinstate with back pay, a former employe who was allegedly discharged for union activity.

At the same time the board issued a complaint against Wilson and Company, Scranton, slaughter house operators, and dismissed an unfair labor practice charge against the Gets Motor Company, of Philadelphia.

By a cease and desist order in the Grant case, the Board directs that the reemployment be offered Edna Pupack. The charges were filed by United Retail employes of America, local union No. 134.

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Mayor Backs ILGWU Fight For WPA Aid

Agrees with Delegation on Need for Sewing Project

A WPA sewing project to open 5,000 additional jobs in New York City received the endorsement of Mayor LaGuardia today when he was visited at the City Hall by an International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union committee headed by David Dubinsky, president of the Union.

The Mayor promised full support and cooperation in obtaining the approval of the project from the Federal authorities.

Among those who accompanied Mr. Dubinsky were Luigi Antonini, First Vice-President of the ILGWU, and Vice-Presidents Julius Hochman, Isidore Nagler and Charles S. Zimmerman.

Mr. Dubinsky explained to the Mayor that the employment situation in the needle trades was "desperately bad" and "growing worse daily as a disappointing Spring season cut the earning power of thousands of workers to zero."

WOULD BE USED FOR NEEDY

In accordance with present WPA policy, articles manufactured by the new sewing project would not compete with private industry and would be distributed, on the basis of need, among the unemployed, destitute and those totally unable to purchase them.

Mr. Dubinsky said that the union would at once present a comprehensive report on the necessity of the new sewing project to the Works Progress Administration at Washington. He said he was confident that with the support of the Mayor the project would be approved because "suffering among jobless needle workers in New York City had reached a point making Federal aid imperative."

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Tornado Death Toll Now 32 In Midwest

Hundreds Are Listed Among Injured—Damage High

Five states threw their resources yesterday into efforts to aid survivors of a tornado that slashed northeasterly from Oklahoma to Illinois, killing at least 32 and injuring hundreds.

Unofficial estimates of the damage were between $1,500,000 and $2,000,000.

The storm cut across the Mississippi just north of St. Louis—a metropolitan area of 3,500,000—and plunged into Illinois at East Alton. It drove about 30 miles northeasterly to Gillespie without serious damage and only one death.

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Dining Car Local Signs Pacts With 3 More Railroads

BOSTON, March 31. — A new working agreement providing for a general increase of five cents an hour for all employes and a guaranteed minimum of eight hours a day, pay for all dead-head time, seniority and union control of the roster, was signed yesterday by the New Haven Railroad Co. and Local 276, of the Dining Car Employes Union.

The agreement was signed for the union by Geo. E. Brown, its general chairman.

The agreement will mean an increase of $12 for each of 150 workers in 26 working days each month.

The union has also signed contracts this week with the Boston and Albany and the New York Central Railroad.

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Support Mexican Democracy Against Oil Trusts and Fascism

— Statement of the Central Committee, C.P., U.S.A. —

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workers. They rejected the decision of the Mexican Federal Labor Board, which approved the workers' demands after months of investigation and arbitration. They appealed to the Supreme Court of Mexico only to reject and defy its decision when it unanimously voted to uphold the arbitration award of the Labor Board.

The reactionary oil monopolies are now utilizing every means of pressure, intimidation and force to compel the Cardenas Government to revoke its decision to nationalize the oil properties in Mexico — a decision forced upon the Government by the arbitrary action of the oil corporations in disorganizing the economy of the country and in violating Mexican and international law. But the aims of the oil trusts are more far-reaching than their attempts to black-jack the Mexican Government into revoking its lawful act of expropriating with compensation the property of the imperialist violators of Mexican law.

The fascist-minded circles of American and British finance capital have deliberately provoked the present oil controversy in order to bring about civil strife, economic chaos, and to create the conditions for the establishment of fascism in Mexico. For the democratic government of Mexico, under the leadership of President Cardenas and enjoying the firm and active support of the vast majority of the Mexican people, has followed a policy of curbing the arbitrary powers of the oil trusts and other imperialist interests which have dominated by fraud, force and violence the economy and political life of the country for decades. It has collaborated with the Mexican Confederation of Labor, the united progressive trade union federation of the Mexican workers, in championing the rights of labor to a better economic and social life. It has divided 21,314,640 acres of land among some 800,000 former landless, starving peons. It has drawn ever wider sections of the common people into the democratic process of government.

Furthermore, the reactionary and fascist forces in Mexico, Wall Street and Downing Street, just as in Berlin and Rome, see in Mexican democracy a strong barrier to their plans of imperialist and fascist aggression. For the Cardenas Government has given consistent and whole-hearted support to the Democratic Republic of Spain. It follows a foreign policy of international cooperation devoted to the preservation and the defense of peace. Counteracting the menace of Nazi and Italian fascism in Brazil, the Cardenas Government stands as a rallying center for all the peace-loving and democratic peoples and countries of Latin America. It stands as a challenge to the spread of fascist barbarism in the South American hemisphere.

That is why the imperialist interests in Mexico, headed by Standard Oil and Royal Dutch Shell, are bending every effort to divert Mexico from its democratic and progressive course onto the road of civil war and fascist bondage. This is why they are now engaged in a conspiracy to undermine and overthrow the progressive Republic of Mexico. This is why the Anglo-American oil interests and mining capital—in alliance with the feudal landlords, Catholic hierarchy, the reactionary civil and military governors, the Nazis, the Gold Shirts, the other foreign-subsidized fascist organizations are combining economic sabotage and interference into the national affairs of Mexico with preparations for a fascist coup d'etat.

This is why they are endeavoring to involve the U. S. Government to bring greater diplomatic and economic pressure on the Mexican Government, to intervene more fully and aggressively in support of the Anglo-American oil magnates.

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The American people must not permit to develop this tendency to violation of democratic principles, international peace and good-will. The labor and progressive movement in the United States must act quickly and decisively. The punitive order of the U. S. Treasury Department in cancelling Mexican silver purchases must be reversed. The actions of the U. S. State Department must be brought fully into the line of the Good Neighbor policy. The American people must demand that the good neighbor policy be enforced, that an end be put to all intervention in the internal affairs of the Mexican nation—direct or indirect—and that national and international law and order be maintained.

A further development of the undemocratic, pro-fascist policy such as indicated by the U. S. Treasury action in relation to Mexico will have the gravest consequences for the American people, as well as for the people of Mexico and Latin America.

It will place in jeopardy the legal, democratic government in Mexico and its progressive program of economic and social welfare and advancement for the entire population.

It will weaken and isolate the influence of American democracy in Latin American affairs as a factor promoting peace.

It will aid the German, Italian and Japanese instigators of fascism and encourage them to proceed more boldly in Central and South America along the path undertaken in Brazil.

In supporting the people and democratic government of Mexico against the attacks of the oil monopolies and the tories in Washington and London, the American labor and progressive movements will thereby greatly strengthen the struggle against the advance of reaction and fascism in the United States.

The American oil trusts now violating the laws of Mexico are the same economic royalists who have refused to abide by the Wagner Labor Relations Act in our own country. They are the interests who have resisted and fought with illegal Black Legions and vigilante terror in the forward march of American labor. They are the interests who have attempted to avoid tax responsibilities, and the anti-trust law and who have attempted to block and kill all progressive, social and labor legislation.

They are in the vanguard of the American economic royalists who plot to assassinate the President and strive to nullify and abrogate the trade union rights and democratic liberties of the American people, just as they seek to abolish Mexican democracy.

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Progressive America must speak and act now. The appeal of Congressman O'Connell to President Roosevelt to withdraw the order of Secretary Morgenthau in stopping purchases of Mexican silver should meet with the hearty approval and support of every democrat, every liberal, every advocate of peace.

The solidarity message of John L. Lewis and of Walter Scheve-nels, Secretary of the International Federation of Trade Unions, supporting the Mexican Confederation of Labor and the Mexican people in their struggle against the oil trusts should point the way to similar action on the part of the entire trade union movement.

Keep Mexico and Latin America safe for democracy!

Stop the enforcement of economic sanctions against the democratic republic of Mexico! Demand that Roosevelt and Congress withdraw the order of the Treasury Department boycotting the purchase of Mexican silver!

Hands off the internal affairs of the Mexican people and nation. Enforce the good neighbor policy. Demand that the Washington Administration stop yielding to the Anglo-American oil trusts and the British Foreign Office!

Full support to the Mexican people and government in their defense of democracy, in their struggle against the financiers of fascism—the oil monopolies!

Long live the unity and solidarity of the Mexican and American workers and peoples in common struggle for democracy and peace, against reaction, fascism and war!

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Assemblyman Denies He Backed McNaboe Bill

The International Labor Defense yesterday made public a letter from Assemblyman Meyer Goldberg, democrat, from the Sixth Assembly District, correcting the impression that he had voted for the McNaboe-Devaney Bill.

Goldberg also said that he had sent a letter to Governor Lehman against the bill at the request of the American Labor Party of the Sixth A. D.

"Of course you know my stand in matters such as these, where interests try to deprive people of civil liberties," Goldberg informed the I.L.D. "It is quite needless for me to say that I have always been a staunch defender of civil liberties."

In a letter to the Clerk of the Assembly, Goldberg urged that the records be corrected since "I worked openly against the bill and would do so again if the occasion arose. When you called the names of those who voted in the negative, you called my name too, as I had my hand up. However, none of the papers have carried it."

Weather Balloon Record

BOSTON, March 31 (UP). — A weather balloon today ascended to the highest point yet reached here —89,300 feet or nearly 17 miles—and recorded a temperature of 89 degrees below zero.

TONITE. Young Congress Dance, Mecca Temple. (Adv.)

4,000 VAN STRIKERS WIN PAY RAISES

Contract Signed With Movers Association—Work Begins Today

A strike of 4,000 moving van drivers and furniture handlers which tied up all New York City moving since Monday was settled last night with the workers winning wage increases.

The contract with the New York Movers Association operators of 2,100 vans, was signed by Joseph Shore, president and John J. McKenna, secretary-treasurer of Local 814 International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Work will be resumed this morning.

The new contract provides for 90 cents an hour for drivers and 75 cents an hour for helpers against the previous offer of 75 cents and 60, time and a half after 3 P.M. Saturday and double time on holidays.

Workers are guaranteed a minimum of two hours pay when called to work.

The contract signed last night does not apply to the workers of the establishments of the Warehousemen's Association who had been under separate agreements.

20,000 Strike In Fur Shops

Walkout 100% Effective Ben Gold Declares —Hearing Monday

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start this morning. At 2 P. M. today, mass meetings will be held in Manhattan Opera House and the Royal Windsor Hall.

Meanwhile, at 3:30 P. M., the $1,000,000 claim of the Furriers' Joint Council against the Associated Fur Coat and Trimming Manufacturers, Inc., was heard at the State Labor Relations Board.

HEARING MONDAY

Father John Boland, chairman of the Board; Commissioner Paul Herzog and attorney Bertan Zorn listened to arguments presented by employers and the union on the union's charge of unfair labor practices.

Irving Potash, manager of the Joint Council, and union attorney Sidney Elliott Cohn charged that the employers had entered into a conspiracy to deprive 3,500 workers of $1,000,000 in wages by locking them out for their union membership.

The Board set the next hearing for Monday at 4 P. M., when the employers will present arguments on the Board's jurisdiction in the case.

Boston May Day Committee to Meet Sunday

BOSTON, March 30.—The Provisional Committee for Boston's May Day meeting has called its first conference Sunday morning at 10 A.M. at Ritz Plaza Hall, 218 Huntington Ave.

Calls have been sent to trade unions, liberal and fraternal organizations.

FDR Hurls Back Dictatorship Charge

President Makes Public Letter to Friend in Which He Defends Democratic Aims of the Reorganization Bill

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tion. His use of the word "purchased" was resented by a number of Senators.

Mr. Roosevelt told his friend that "the opposition has planted bogies under every bed" and gave examples to substantiate this contention. He continued:

"I cite these merely as examples of a score of equally silly nightmares conjured up at the instigation of either those who would restore the government to those who owned it between 1921 and 1933, or those who for some reason or another seek deliberately to wreck the present administration of the United States."

The copy of the letter handed the correspondents was preceded by this statement from the White House executive offices:

"During the past 10 days the President received comparatively few letters and telegrams relating to the reorganization bill now pending in the Congress. The pros and cons were about equally divided. The smallness of the number compared with the flood of telegrams sent to members of the Senate is proof positive that the campaign against the reorganization bill was the result of organized effort on the part of political or special self interest groups, because during the past five years, when there were real questions of public policy at issue, the President's mail was flooded with letters and telegrams on both sides of the question, sent by citizens who communicated with the President voluntarily rather than as the result of a propaganda campaign.

DISCUSSES BILL

"To a letter from a friend received a few days ago, the President has replied in the letter which follows: The name of the correspondent is purposely withheld because he did not write for publicity purposes."

Mr. Roosevelt's friend, the letter revealed, had written him out of concern "over the charges in several newspapers that the reorganization bill would make me a dictator." The President began by stating emphatically that he opposed dictatorships in general and denying that he sought one for himself. He then proceeded into his discussion of the reorganization bill. He said that government reorganization could be effected by two methods—by "complex and detailed legislation by the Congress going into every one of the hundreds of bureaus in the Executive Department and other agencies," or by authorizing the President to "make certain adjustments and reorganizations by executive order, subject to overriding of these executive orders by the Congress itself."

CIO Asks AFL Rail Unions Back Kennedy

Penn. Council Session Calls for Unity in Resolution

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ment the working man or woman ever made," he said.

A resolution in support of the Spanish people fighting fascist invaders and condemnation of Italian, German and Japanese fascism was passed.

More than 40 resolutions were adopted in this significant and history-making day.

They included support for the wage-hour legislation, support of the President's reorganization bill, and a suggestion to all local unions to set up anti-lynch committees in their locals to fight for the passage of the anti-lynching bill.

ASK MOONEY FREED

The release of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings was asked. Other resolutions sought support of the three billion dollar relief appropriation.

A speech by William Hines, president of District 4 of the United Mine Workers, supporting the relief appropriation was loudly applauded.

He urged the election of Kennedy to help fight unemployment. "This monster, this spectre of mankind, unemployment, running under a foolish social order," Hines said.

Other resolutions urged new legislation to strengthen the Wagner Labor Act; support of the Highway Workers demands for higher wages; support of a 44-hour week; cooperatives, organization of the federal workers, organization of the white collar groups, aid to the distillery workers and passage of the American Youth Act.

RESOLUTION ON MEXICO

A turbulent fifteen minutes, dotted by boos and catcalls, occupied part of the final session as delegates refused to concede on denial of democratic procedure and finally won their point.

The disturbance occurred on a resolution introduced to support the Mexican workers in their expropriation of the oil fields. Charles Weinstein of the Philadelphia Needle Trades, proposed an amendment to refer to the executive committee.

There was a split vocal vote and chairman James Marks, president of District 3, United Mine Workers, declared the amendment adopted.

Delegates called for a rising division vote. Marks ruled that the point had been settled and brought on a chorus of protests.

"Where's all the democracy we came here for?" delegates shouted. "Why did we leave the A. F. of L.?"

CHAIN AGREES TO VOTE

"The procedure is rotten," someone cried, from all parts of the amphitheatre came a demand for a vote.

For fifteen minutes Marks refused to allow a division vote, and delegates refused to allow other business to continue, and finally after conference with John A. Phillips, chairman of the Council, Marks stepped to the speakers' table and announced:

"The chairman is willing to give a division."

The vote for a division was carried by an overwhelming majority. The second motion on the move to refer to committee was also carried.

TEXT OF ROOSEVELT'S LETTER

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., March 31.—The text of President Roosevelt's letter replying to dictatorship charges by opponents of his government reorganization bill follows:

WARM SPRINGS, March 29, 1938.
My dear——:

Many thanks for your letter telling me that you are concerned over the charges in several newspapers that the Reorganization Bill, now before Congress, would make me a dictator.

1. As you well know, I am as much opposed to an American dictatorship as you are, for three simple reasons:

A. I have no inclination to be a dictator.

B. I have none of the qualifications which would make me a successful dictator.

C. I have too much historical background and too much knowledge of existing dictatorships to make me desire any form of dictatorship for a democracy like the United States of America.

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2. The Reorganization Bill now before the Congress is the culmination of an effort starting over forty years ago to make the business end—i.e., the executive branch of the federal government—more business-like and more efficient. Seven or eight of my immediate predecessors in the Presidency have recommended similar reorganization measures.

There are two methods of effecting a business-like reorganization. It can be done by complex and detailed legislation by the Congress going into every one of the hundreds of bureaus in the executive department and other agencies.

Or it can be done by giving to the President as Chief Executive authority to make certain adjustments and reorganizations by executive order, subject to overriding of these executive orders by the Congress itself.

I would have been wholly willing to go along with the first method, but attempts at detailed reorganization by the Congress itself have failed many times in the past, and every responsible member of the Senate or the House is in agreement that detailed reorganization by the Congress is a practicable impossibility.

We come, therefore, to the second alternative—reorganization by executive order, subject to overriding by the Congress.

3. In any reorganization you will realize, I am sure, that if it changes existing administrative setups, consolidates jobs or makes other kinds of savings, either from the point of view of cost or from the point of view of bureaucratic authority, such changes are bitterly fought by those who stand to lose some authority and by those who are so wedded to existing practices that they go to any length to prevent the slightest change which seeks greater efficiency.

Several states have put into effect reorganization of their departments. These changes have resulted in some economy. But chiefly these reorganizations in State governments have increased the efficiency of these State governments to a very marked extent. That result is what we seek in the bill now before the Congress.

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4. You know that when over a year ago I recommended a Reorganization bill to the Congress all parties and all factions agreed on the need for such a measure. You know, too, that a year later a carefully manufactured partisan and political opposition to any reorganization had created a political issue—created it deliberately out of whole cloth.

5. The opposition has planted bogies under every bed. It was said, for example, that the work of the army engineers was to be abolished, in spite of the fact that Congress, and the Congress alone, can determine who will do river and harbor dredging and build flood control levees. It is charged that the splendid work of the forestry services is to be hamstrung—hamstrung, I suppose, by the best friend forestry ever had in the United States.

It is charged that the extremely efficient Veterans' Bureau, or the excellent Railroad Mediation Board is to be damaged beyond repair. I cite these merely as examples of a score of equally silly nightmares conjured up at the instigation either of those who would restore the government to those who owned it between 1921 and 1933, or those who for one reason or another seek deliberately to wreck the present administration of the government of the United States.

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6. One point remains:—There are those who honestly believe that every minor charge, every minor detail of conducting the business of the administrative branch of the government, should receive in effect a positive Congressional approval before such changes go into effect.

The bill in its present form makes the Executive orders relating to such changes—and most of them are minor—subject to disapproval by the Congress within sixty days by joint resolution. Let me state to you categorically that if such a joint resolution was passed by the Congress disapproving an order, I would, in the overwhelming majority of cases, go along with carefully considered Congressional action.

I can think of no cases where the President would not gladly yield to a clear expression of Congressional opinion.

But there are two cogent reasons why the bill should go through as it is now drawn. The first is the Constitutional question involved in the passage of a concurrent resolution, which is only an expression of Congressional sentiment. Such a resolution cannot repeal Executive action taken in pursuance of a law.

The second is the very remote possibility that some legislative situation might possibly arise in the future where the President would feel obligated to veto a joint resolution of the Congress and properly require a two-thirds vote to override his veto.

I repeat that I visualize no such possibility between now and 1940, when the authority given is to end.

Thus you will see that charges of dictatorship are made out of whole cloth—even if I wanted to be a dictator, which, heaven knows, I do not.

With every good wish,
Always sincerely,
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

TONITE. Young Congress Dance, Mecca Temple. (Adv.)

IN PATH OF MIDWEST TORNADO

Photo shows building in Columbus, Kan., after tornado which ripped its way through five midwest states has torn off roof. Ten city blocks in the community were severely hit during the storm. An estimated 35 people were killed and more than 180 injured. Property damages were high.

Japanese Retreat in Shantung, Shansi Area

Chinese Declare Flight Follows Counter-Drive During Which Invader Was Forced to Abandon Big Munition Stores

SHANGHAI, March 31 (UP).—Chinese reported today that Japanese forces in sections of Southern Shantung and Southern Shansi Provinces were in general retreat.

Military observers believed the retreat was for the purpose of consolidating endangered strategic positions and reopening severed communication lines.

Chinese said that the retreat followed the war's most extensive Chinese counter-drive in which the Japanese were forced to abandon large supplies of war materials and barricade themselves in scattered walled towns to await reinforcements.

WIPE OUT GARRISONS

Chinese dispatches hailed the counter-offensive along the Tientsin-Pukow line as a major Chinese victory, but indicated that the guerrilla units made no attempt to hold recaptured towns and villages against reinforced Japanese forces. They claimed to have wiped out scores of small Japanese garrisons.

Regular Chinese Army forces, however, were fighting a frontal battle—said to be the greatest since the battle of Shanghai—in the Linyi and Taierchwang sectors of southern Shantung Province.

According to Chinese reports, seventeen Japanese planes, attempting to relieve the pressure on Taierchwang, dropped more than 200 bombs on nearby villages, killing scores of civilians.

New Spanish Envoy Arrives in France

PARIS, March 31 (UP).—The new Spanish Ambassador to France, Marcelino Pascua, former envoy to Moscow, took over the embassy today from Jose Ossorio y Gallardo, who has been appointed to Buenos Aires.

Reorganization Debate Marked By Attacks

New Deal Supporters Win Test Vote on Consideration

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Congress with men subservient to his will, means the destruction of representative democratic government. Yet this is exactly what President Roosevelt is doing."

The Hearst editorial which was enclosed with the Gannett statement is from the New York Journal American of March 31. It charges supporters of the reorganization bill with having put "a knife in the heart of democracy" and encircles the names of the Senators who voted for the bill in black—an evident threat against them when they run for re-election.

From tory Democrats, Representative Arthur P. Lamneck came a speech which almost equalled Short's in venom.

Lamneck described the President "as ambitious for power,' but concentrated most of his attack on WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins, who has been discussed for the new cabinet post of the Department of Welfare, which will be created by the reorganization bill. He called Hopkins a man "without decent experience" and "a man whose outstanding desire seems to be to promote permanent poverty."

DEMOCRATS LINE UP

The special House committee in reporting out the reorganization bill deleted the entire Senate bill which differed from the Senate version in retaining the office of Comptroller General and in leaving out creation of a national resources planning board.

In discussing on the bills, Representatives John J. Corcoran of Missouri and Dindsay C. Warren of North Carolina, who were responsibe for drafting it in committee, cited President Roosevet's statements scorching the charges of dictatorship.

Warren contended that President Hoover had been given greater power in 1932 to reorganize the executive branch of the government than is being proposed now.

In the vote to consider the bill, the Democrats on the whole swung into line behind administration leaders. The only prominent administration leader who is definitely committed to oppose the bill is Chairman John O'Connor of the powerful Rules Committee.

Some wavering on the reorganization bill among the progressives seemed to be indicated in this vote when several Minnesota Farmer-Laborites, Wisconsin Progressives and Representative Maury Maverick of Texas voted against taking up the bill.

Crosbie to Speak on Vets Over WNEW Wed.

Paul Crosbie, chairman of the Queens County Committee of the Communist Party and member of the American Legion, will be heard in a special broadcast over WNEW at 9:15 P. M. on Wednesday, April 6.

TONITE. Young Congress Dance, Mecca Temple. (Adv.)

100 JOBLESS DEMONSTRATE IN CITY COUNCIL

Alliance Demands City Rescind Relief Cut at Finance Session

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"They will get much further by using a gentlemanly method."

At this point a group in the gallery arose and shouted for the Council to rescind the relief cut.

WON'T HIT DEPOSITORS

Mr. Vladeck, speaking on his bank bill, which is one of three to raise relief funds, said that his measure was "simply trying to equalize the tax burden."

The bank tax bill calls for a 1-186 of 1 per cent levy on the gross incomes of all banks. It would raise, Vladeck explained, from $4,500,000 to $6,000,000 a year.

"This would not hit the depositors," he said, "because it would not pay the banks to do the bookkeeping. "The banks, which do a lucrative business, should not be exempt from what the small business man must pay."

The committee first heard Joseph D. McGoldrick, City Comptroller, who told the councilmen that the city collections in taxes for the first two months this year were down more than $2,000,000 and that expenditures had risen more than $3,000,000.

DEFENDS ADMINISTRATION

He said he saw very little hope of curtailing relief needs this summer.

Heckled by Councilman Surpless as to whether the relief administration could eliminate waste, McGoldrick said:

"I think the relief administration is doing everything possible for efficient handling of relief."

Joseph E. Kinsley, chairman of the committee, suggested that the city borrow money to meet the immediate relief needs. But McGoldrick said he could not go out and spend pledged cash.

Kinsley then read a letter from Norman Thomas, Socialist Party spokesman, opposing the 10 per cent relief cut.

The Thomas statement, of which Kinsley made much, disagreed with McGoldrick that the city's financial situation was bad enough to warrant the cut.

SURPLESS-BUTLER CLASH

A heated clash developed between Councilmen Kinsley and Surpless and Edmund Borgia Butler, of the advisory committee of the Department of Welfare, when he told the committee that if the city continues at the present rate relief will be shut down by Fall.

Curran Bares 'Post' Lies on Aims in NMU

The following letter was sent yesterday to the New York Post by Joseph Curran, General Organizer of the National Maritime Union, in protest against certain allegations contained in a recent news article. The article in question stated that Curran was attemping to inaugurate a "campaign against Communists in the National Maritime Union."

The letter:

"We regret to note that the headlines of your news stories gave a wrong impression of a report made by me to the membership of the National Maritime Union. This has served to create a confused impression in the public mind.

"It is true that I intend to right enemies of the seamen and the National Maritime Union, but when it appears to create an impression that I advocate a fight against people because of the fact that they belong to the Communist Party, it is a mistake.

"My report was aimed at the individuals, regardless of political affiliation, some of whom are Communists, some of whom are job seekers, and some who are just plain shipowners' stooges and labor spies. I do not hold the Communist Party as such responsible for the activities of their individual members. Certainly this cannot be taken to imply that I am inaugurating a campaign to purge the Union.

DECRIES CONFUSION

"There has been created in the public mind a confused impression that I called for a purge in the Union of all Communists.

"This, I do not advocate because it is contrary to the Constitution of the National Maritime Union and the Constitution of the United States and I personally am not interested in the political beliefs or affiliation of any member of this Union so long as it is not used to submerge the aims and purposes for which this Union has been created.

"I feel it necessary to make this statement because I fear that the effect of the headlines might aid the red-baiters in their efforts to split the National Maritime Union and the unity of the seamen."

GREETINGS TO MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF UNITED MINE WORKERS ON MINERS' DAY

Murray Hails CIO as Defense Bulwark Of United Mine Workers

Wage Slashing Spree of Operators Halted By Strength of Unionism Built By Organizing The Unorganized, Leader Declares

By Carl Reynolds
(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, March 31.—The Committee for Industrial Organization was credited today by Philip Murray as the "bulwark which served to strengthen and defend the economic position of the United Mine Workers." The International Vice-President of the mine union, and able leader of the successful steel drive, reviewed the benefits the CIO had brought to the miners in an interview with the Daily Worker on the 40th Anniversary of Miners Day, celebrated tomorrow throughout the nation's coal fields.

Murray answered the criticism of near-sighted individuals who see only the aid that the miners gave the CIO and those enemies of the labor movement who cry that the miners are being bludgeoned into helping the CIO and are not reaping any benefits.

"The miners started on the assumption that the organizations of the unorganized would undoubtedly help the cause of the miners," Murray explained.

He declared that the power of the CIO made possible the last contract in the coal fields without resorting to a strike. Raises in wages were won.

"The mere fact that the CIO has raised hourly wage rates, living standards, shortened hours and improved conditions of employment, for not only members of the CIO unions but for millions of others outside the CIO has served as a bulwark to strengthen and defend the economic position of the United Mine Workers," Murray declared.

606,174 MEMBERS

In the last International Convention of the United Mine Workers, on January, 1938, the union was able to record 606,174 members. Two years ago, before the steel drive began, the union records showed 340,000 members.

When the present recession hit the mining districts, the CIO halted a wage-slashing spree.

"If it hadn't been for the CIO, this great crusade, the miners would have stood in this recession with their backs to the wall, their breasts exposed as the target of Big Business and would have been crushed and degraded as the employers sought to do time and again," Murray said.

He cited the attitude of the agencies of the Federal Government when the employers were debating wage cuts.

"The leaders of this great union were called in with the captains of finance and the great industrial leaders to confer in Washington."

The conference stemmed wage cuts throughout the nation.

"And while these great leaders of finance may not agree with us in our objectives, they recognize the integrity, the fortitude and the honesty of our organization," Murray said quietly.

NEW HOPE IN MINE PATCHES

In the patches where the miners live, the CIO has brought a new hope, Murray indicated. It has awakened a closer cooperation between the farmers in these communities and the miners.

"The fact that higher wages has put more money into the hands of the industrial workers through the efforts of the CIO has helped these two great producer groups," the union leader asserted.

"In counties like Washington, Butler, Mercer, Beaver, Somerset, Fayette miners have helped the farm communities and cordial relations exist.

"In Washington County, many farmers attend our local CIO meetings and ask us to explain our program."

A $5,000,000,000 Housing program proposed by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee and backed by the four million members of the CIO will immeasurably help the miners.

The CIO crusade for a three billion dollar relief appropriation will also help the jobless miner.

Politics is now a daily activity of the miners in defending their interests. Almost all of the locals are affiliated to Labor's Non-Partisan League.

In Pennsylvania, where Thomas Kennedy is running for Governor, one of his staunchest supporters comes from the mine fields from where he stemmed.

In many congressional districts, mine union presidents are running for State offices on a progressive program.

"Whilst the miners organization has invested substantial sums of money to promote the cause of unionism, throughout the nation," Murray concluded, "the miners invested in the CIO to secure dividends and we believe that these dividends have been realized through the maintenance of a wage scale and greater security by reason of the existence of these same newly created international unions brought into being as a result of the drive made by the United Mine Workers."

MINE UNION GOES TO TOWN FOR JOBLESS

CIO Showed La Belle Local How to Put Them on Relief

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LA BELLE, Pa., March 31.—John Thomas has 225 unemployed miners on his hands.

"It's no easy going," he says, "but I know what to do for them. Because now we're in the C. I. O. and they showed us how to go about getting relief."

Thomas, vice-president of Local 5206 of the United Mine Workers of America, faces a mighty tough situation. The Melrose Mine closed down a few months ago and let 225 miners go. The union had to take care of them.

To make matters worse, the South Fayette Coal Company, which checked off assessments and dues of October and November from the miners' pay envelopes. The company never turned the money over to the local. They are pleading poverty.

But the union is still going strong and meeting regularly.

WIRE EARLE FOR RELIEF

"The International Convention we had was very progressive. Going into the C. I. O. showed us the way to organize. We set up an Unemployed Council in the union to take care of the boys and put them on relief," Thomas said.

The Council has now expanded and works together with another mine union and helps any one in the community who is needy, he declared.

"At every one of our meetings, we have discussions on one important issue," Thomas revealed. "It's something we never did before. First, we discussed the delegates' reports to the convention. The next meeting we are discussing how to form a Women's Shoppers' League for La Belle."

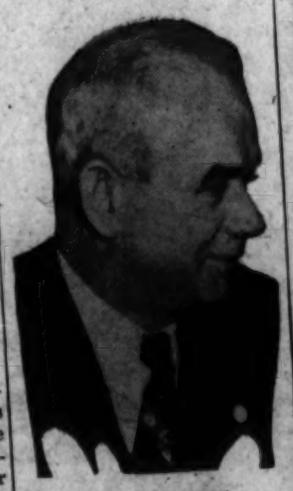
The Unemployed Council has sent a telegram to Governor George H. Earle asking him for more relief allotments.

The miners are also active on the political field. They are going to build a strong local movement for the support of Thomas Kennedy for Governor.

"We whipped up a resolution about Labor's Non-Partisan League and sent it to the District President Hines asking him to call a convention and get the movement going," the union leader said.

Housing Bill Signed

ALBANY, March 31 (UP).—Governor Lehman signed the Todd bill today authorizing counties and first class villages to establish housing authorities.



PHILIP MURRAY
Vice-President, UMWA

To Celebrate Miner's Day in Alleghany Area

Avonmore, Jeannette to Be Main Jubilee Centers Today

(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 31.—Thousands of miners will parade, cheer their speakers and make merry at two celebrations in this area to mark Miners Day, April 1.

Avonmore, in the Allegheny Valley and Jeannette in Westmoreland County will be the scenes of the principal jubilees. The Adamsburg Local of the United Mine Workers is sponsoring the Jeanette festival with other locals in the vicinity participating in full force. The Yukon local is bringing its band.

Miners Day is a traditional holiday for the union men who work in the mines. It is now known as John L. Lewis Day.

Meeting for Jones As Gov. Switches to Kennedy

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LIBRARY, Pa., March 31.—A proposed boom for Charles Alvin Jones, unknown Pittsburgh lawyer slated for Governor by the Democratic State Committee, collapsed in this heavily populated mining section.

John Johnson, chairman of the Democratic Township Committee called a meeting of 80 persons to back Jones.

Thomas Evans, president of Montour 10 Local of the United Mine Workers, sauntered in and took the floor in support of the nomination of Thomas Kennedy.

The meeting went over the Kennedy camp.

UMW Head, Lasser to Speak at Miner's Rally

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., March 31.—John Kmetz, member of the international board of the United Mine Workers of America and chairman of Labor's Non-Partisan League will address a meeting of miners at the Knights of St. Malta Hall, 9 N. Main Street, Sunday at 9 P. M.

Joseph Silewski, WPA labor relations advisor and David Lasser, national president of the Workers Alliance, will also speak at the meeting. Lasser will report on the Washington conference held recently which took up the problem of jobs and security for the American masses.

Library, Pa. IWO Backs Kennedy

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LIBRARY, Pa., March 31.—Tom Kennedy was endorsed for Governor by the International Workers Order in Library, Pa. There are more than 100 members in the I.W.O. here, the overwhelming majority of whom are miners.

JOHN L. LEWIS
President, United Mine Workers of America

Highlights of 48 Years' History of the UMW

The United Mine Workers of America was formed at a convention in Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 23, 1890 as a unity move, combining the forces of the miners in the Knights of Labor and the members of the National Progressive Union into one organization.

John Rae of the Knights was first U.M.W. president, and William Turner of the Progressive Union was first vice-president.

The U.M.W. led the movement to unite the A. F. of L. and the Knights of Labor for four years. It was affiliated with both central organizations during this period. In 1891 it officially urged each organization to recognize the union cards of the other.

"Unity of action and purpose" was the key note of the preamble of the 1890 constitution, which was still further strengthened at the Cleveland convention in 1919.

As strengthened in 1919 the preamble to the miners constitution says Labor should seek the "full social value" of its product. This politically advanced document reads in part:

"Believing that those whose lot it is to toil within the earth's recesses, surrounded by peculiar dangers and deprived of sunlight and pure air, producing the commodities which make possible the world's economic progress are entitled to protection and the full social value of their product, we have formed the United Mine Workers of America for the purpose of establishing by lawful means the principles embraced in the body of this constitution."

Almost from the start the U.M.W. was a leading force in the American labor movement. So much so, that the A. F. of L. convention in 1894 displaced President Samuel Gompers for a year and elected the miner John McBride in his place.

FIRST BIG STRIKE

The past year, 1894, saw the U. M. W.'s biggest early strike. About 124,000 miners left the pits at its call that year.

Tens of thousands of miners were blacklisted after the loss of that strike. Men like John Brophy's father, an immigrant to Central Pennsylvania, tramped from town to town, pursued by the blacklist, but building the union up again as they traveled.

Victorious struggles in 1897 and 1898 again established the union and led to the 8-hour day and the first inter-state agreement in parts of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania and the establishment of "Miners' Day."

WIN 9-HOUR DAY

Anthracite miners came into the union in 1900 and struck, winning their first agreement. They struck on a wider scale—150,000 strong—in 1902, winning the 9-hour day after five months of struggle. They forced J. P. Morgan, the elder, himself into conference in that strike.

Still the union grew year by year, sweeping away feudalism and the 10, 12 and 14-hour day as it traveled. Blood stained the path onward as Baldwin Felts gunmen sprayed machine gun bullets into the ranks of the union's pickets in Cabin Creek, West Virginia, Ludlow, Colorado and many other strike towns. But still the union grew.

LEWIS ELECTED

John L. Lewis became president of the United Mine Workers at the height of its strength in 1918. Next year came the historic strike of 400,000 miners on Oct. 31, 1919, which Attorney General Palmer attempted to paralyze with an injunction. Staying out unofficially for another month, the miners won a 27 per cent raise in the award next spring.

Again on Miners' Day, 1922, over half a million soft and hard coal miners struck against wage cuts and won after a five months' struggle.

Hit by operators' treachery when the Jacksonville agreement of 1924 was violated, and by the world economic crisis five years later, the U. M. W. sank to a low membership point by 1933.

But unbeatable were the American coal miners. The United Mine Workers came back stronger than ever in 1933, and now number 606,174 coal diggers.

THOMAS KENNEDY
Secretary, UMWA

MINE UNION NOTES

Company Stooges Fail to Stop UMW Union-Aid Levy

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ELLSWORTH, Pa., March 31.—Agitation by company stooges against the special assessment levied by the International Executive Board of the United Mine Workers, failed here.

The Ellsworth Local voted to support the drive to continue organization of the unorganized and to pay the levy in order to strengthen their union.

Ohio Mine Local Calls Anti-Tokio Boycott Parley

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BELLAIRE, Ohio, March 31.—An anti-Japanese boycott conference initiated by Local Lodge 1077 of the United Mine Workers of America, will be held here on April 10.

The rally will discuss policies of making effective the boycott of Japanese goods and helping the Chinese people. It is also expected that a policy of "quaranting the aggressors nations" will be acted upon.

The parley is the second one held here. A previous one took place last February. Members of the arrangements committee are:

W. A. Sherman, Local 1077, Shadyside, Ohio; Andy Gorell, mine committeeman, Local 1077; Fred Walchi, Truckers Union; Edna Hadley, Women's Progressive Club and Theodore Vuchlich, checkweighman, Powhatan Point Local, U.M.W.A.

Cokeburg UMW Vote To Build Union Funds

(Special to the Daily Worker)

COKESBURG, Pa., March 31.—More than 400 members of the Cokesburg Local of the United Mine Workers have voted to pay the international assessment of $2 to build up the union's treasury.

The Cokesburg mine is a "captive" one owned by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Dr. to Address Miners on Peace

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BLYTHEDALE, Pa., March 31.—Dr. Robert H. Valinsky of Pittsburgh will talk on "How Miners Can Best Fight for Security and Peace" at the W.M.B.U. Hall here on April 3, 2 P. M.

Dr. Valinsky, a well-known dentist, who is active in the peace movement will speak under the auspices of the Blythedale Committee for Peace and Democracy.

TONITE. Young Congress Dance, Mecca Temple. (Adv.)

Shenandoah Miners Rally in Campaign To Elect Kennedy

Defeat of Republican Tories in Pennsylvania Closely Linked to Fight for Enforcement Of UMWA Contracts, Other Union Aims

By Ernest Pendrell
(Daily Worker Eastern Penna. Bureau)

SHENANDOAH, Pa., March 31.—There are three things miners speak about up here. The chance of Tom Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers and Lieutenant-Governor of Pennsylvania in the Democratic Party primary elections of May 17, when he's slated to run for nomination as Governor; the enforcement of the contract renewed between the U.M.W. and the mine owners; and the nationalisation of the mines according to the plans now being worked out by Governor Earle's Anthracite Coal Commission.

Shenandoah reminds you of a Western town, its main street seems to rise into a mountain. But off the main street with its shops and ultra modern movie houses, the streets are gullies of mud and all the dwellings sag.

"You buy the house but you don't buy the land," they tell you. "That belongs to the Girard Trust Company, or to Morgan or to some other banker."

I asked Joe Gladski what his local, one of the largest in District 7 of the U. M. W., was doing.

OUT FOR KENNEDY

Joe is about 35, one of the best miners in the anthracite, he's president of Local 807. "We're out to elect Kennedy," he says.

"I'm out to protect my family from the Republican Party. I don't think they'll be safe if the reactionaries win this election."

Thirteen hundred of the 1,800 members of Joe's local are working. "We got the rest of them on WPA with the help of the Workers Alliance."

Gladski had spoken to the Daily Worker before about nationalisation of the mines. This time he repeated with emphasis that nationalization is the only way out for the crippled industry. "You'd think," Joe says, "that these men would have more sense, these mine owners, than to ruin the land and the people that work it. They've got enough, I'm told, to keep their families going for hundreds of years. But I don't think the government is going to let them. Nationalization is what we need and when we get Kennedy maybe that'll move faster too."

ENFORCEMENT OF CONTRACTS

Joe Donahue told the Daily Worker about the enforcement of contracts. Donahue, bearing his miner's scar, a blue chalk mark across his nose caused by a falling hunk of coal and leaving its mark for life, is 37 years old, and has two kids. "Believe me, I know something about unions," he said. "I've been working in mines since I was seven . . . maybe before that you might say. When ordinary kids were playing with rattles and such, I was playing with coal.

"Now I have a wife, two kids, two cats and a canary and I have a hard time making ends meet."

Donahue tells about the 4,800 miners now out on a "holiday" at the Locust Summit mines to force the Philadelphia and Reading Coal Company to abide by the agreement.

The contract recently renewed for outside workers and $5.45 an hour day and a 5 day week; $5.96 a day minimum for miners; $4.62 for outsidew orkers and $5.45 minimum for inside workers.

"And the company is always trying to cut down on the pay. We don't believe in wild-cat strikes," said Donahue, "and this isn't one. They told us we could work one day this week. We did not go in and we're on a pre-Easter holiday giving the Philadelphia and Reading something to think about."

ALL DOWN THE LINE

Joe Milonski nods in agreement with the two other Joes. He, too, has his blue scar, on his right cheek. Milonski is president of Local 1781 of the Reliance mine. "And nobody is working here now," he says.

Milonski let his friends do the talking. He spoke only once, to say: "The way to work, I can't even buy the Daily Worker . . . and you know I want to read that."

Felix Barnes, president of Local 879, and Leo Sidko, president of the Atlas local, also had their stories of tough going for the miners . . . it was the same all the way down the line up here.

Take Jimmie Boylan, the spitting image of John Lewis, only a head taller. He's a truck driver and has been a truck driver for three years. He carries a diploma from the Bloomsburg Teachers' College and a certificate from the State telling him he can teach school . . . when and if there's an opening. But now Jim's a member of the U.M.W., a supporter of Kennedy for Governor. This twenty-four year old lad has been married seven months. He's proud to be a member of the strongest union in America. He says it's his way of protecting his wife, himself and his union buddies.

Mike Denchak looks on through all this. Mike likes to call himself a rank and filer, and while he holds no official position in his local, the Nelson local in Mount Carmel, he's a leader just the same. Mike is a Socialist who follows the People's Front, and is actively supporting Kennedy. Mike looks on and is slightly impatient with his fellow workers who cannot say what they feel, as easily as he can. And he says it, choosing each word carefully, to impress: "Any working man in or out of a union should support Tom Kennedy, no one has done as much for the workers of Pennsylvania as he. Those who oppose him are in the same boat as Ford, Mellon and Girdler."

Captive Mine Parley Called For April 4

Bethlehem Steel Pits Grievances to Be Brought Out

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BENTLEYVILLE, Pa., March 31.—Enforcement of better working conditions and elimination of grievances in the captive mines of the Bethlehem Steel Company is being planned in an important conference called for April 4 at 2 P. M. at the Eagles Hall here.

A program will be drafted to guide a Zone Committee from all United Mine Workers' locals in mines operated by the giant corporation.

Bethlehem Steel owns four mines in the bituminous fields of Western Pennsylvania, at Marianna, Cokeburg, Ellsworth and Johnstown. It also operates mines in the West Virginia panhandle.

Problems of the Zone Committee will be to strengthen the union in the mines, to eliminate privilege in part time special work, and to bring better relief into the counties for the unemployed miners.

GRIEVANCES

Among the grievances against the company are:

1. Putting section bosses to work as pumpers and laying off the latter when there is slack work.

2. Employment of miners in the building of a new tipple at Ellsworth.

While "captive" mines generally observe the standard wage scale and recognize grievance committees of the United Mine Workers, there are no contracts signed. The Zone Committee will try to bolster the grievance apparatus and pave the way for complete organization of the mines and force the company to sign a contract.

The Committee plans to meet once a month, alternating at Johnstown, Bentleyville and West Virginia.

A partial list of members of the Zone Committee includes John Harris, Ellsworth; "Happy" Conrad, Ellsworth; Lotti Latimore, Ellsworth; Fred Morse, Marianna; Frank Sobolsky, Marianna, and F. Schultz, Cokesburg.

Miners Remember Their Heroes of Struggle Today, and Among Them The 19 Irishmen of the Molly Maguires Who Were Framed and Hung

By Art Shields

Old miners today will be talking of the 19 brave Irish coal diggers, who died on the gallows in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania 61 years ago.

For this is Miners Day, when the miners honor their heroes.

The 19 men, whom the operators hanged at Mauch Chunk and nearby county seats, were pioneers of unionism in the hard coal fields. They were, said Eugene V. Debs long afterwards, "the first martyrs of the class struggle in the United States."

The bosses called them "Molly Maguires," and that name has stuck, though it wasn't correct. They were militant unionists, who were active spirits in the old Workingmen's Benevolent Association and fraternal brothers in the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

You still find gray veterans in the towns of Shenandoah, Shamokin and other anthracite centers, who are proud to have known them—proud to have fought side by side with the men the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co. framed in 1877.

You find these veterans to the west, too. For after the defeat of the great strike of 1875 and the hanging of the martyrs in 1877, thousands of Irish miners drifted West. They went to the mines in Houtzdale and Clearfield in central Pennsylvania; to Pittsburgh and some pioneers pushed on to the distant Rockies as the metal mines opened.

FRAMED WESTERN MINERS

Wherever these brave Irish "Mollies" went they strengthened the union. They helped to build up the United Mine Workers in the soft coal fields a half a generation later and they came to the front in the hard hitting metal miners union, the Western Federation of Miners.

Pinkerton detectives followed them West. One James McParlan, a "Pink," who framed the 19 "Mollies" in Pennsylvania, was in charge of the frame up of Moyer, Heywood and Pettibone, Western Federation of Miners leader, 30 years later at Boise, Idaho. McParlan sneaked away when the working class won the acquittal of the miners' leaders in 1906.

EXECUTED LEADERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE MINERS

MICHAEL J. DOYLE. JAMES CARROLL. EDWARD J. KELLY. THOMAS DUFFY. THOMAS MUNLEY.

Dave Cowan, an old miner, used to tell me of the awful conditions in the anthracite fields in those days.

He escaped to the soft coal fields of central Pennsylvania and became a board member in the district union there, but he never forgot his first job.

"I began picking slate at eight years of age," said Dave 56 years later, as we sat in his home at Portage, Pa. "No play for us boys; just work, work in a cloud of dust 10 and 12 hours a day.

"I'll never forget that hell."

Tom Duffy, Edward Kelly, Tom Munley, James Carroll, Michael Boyle and the 14 other men who dropped through the death trap were fighting the company store system; the 50 per cent wage cuts of the Reading Company.

President Franklin P. Gowan of the coal company vowed they must die. So he called in the "Pinks"—McParlan and a lot more and said, "Get them!"

Gowan was special prosecutor in the murder trials that followed.

He foamed to the jury that capital would leave the anthracite region unless the "Mollies" were hanged. He said that mere membership in the Hibernians was sufficient evidence for hanging.

The frame-ups are pretty obvious today. Several men had been killed on both sides in the anthracite struggles. Thugs who killed miners were never punished, and in several cases where company stooges were killed there is reason to believe provocateurs did the job. McParlan admitted in substance that he served as a provocateur. He testified at Mauch Chunk he knew in advance that several men whose deaths were later laid to the "Mollies" were to die.

THE MINERS FOUGHT ON

The labor press was weak then and the big metropolitan captalist papers, like the Times and the Sun, howled for the blood of the martyrs. America's greatest railroad strikes swept through Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland later that year.

And the survivors of the martyred "Mollies" were able later to conquer the anthracite and the soft coal fields and help found the great United Mine Workers of America. The hundreds of thousands of members working under protection of that great organization, can thank those brave pioneers of unionism for the struggles they began.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1938

Greetings to The Miners

• Warmest greetings on this Miners' Day to the 600,000 members of the United Mine Workers and to their progressive leaders headed by John L. Lewis.

In the forty-eight years since it was organized, the United Mine Workers has become the most powerful single union in the country and a leader of progressive thought and action.

On another page of this issue will be found special articles dealing with the history of Miners' Day, the story of the Molly Maguires and a special interview granted the Daily Worker in which Philip Murray tells not only what the miners have done for the CIO, but what the CIO has done for the miners.

The Daily Worker pledges the miners continued friendship and support as they advance on the highway of progress.

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Gov. Lehman's Veto Of a Fascist Bill

• Gov. Lehman's vetoing of the McNaboe-Devaney bill was a distinct set back to the reactionary forces in New York and nationally.

The sweeping drive which the Tammany Hall camp placed behind this measure was an outstanding expression of the closeness of this camp to the most fascist circles in the country.

The energetic support of the bill by the reactionary members of the Catholic hierarchy, demonstrates on this issue—as on many other issues, notably their opposition to the Child Labor Amendment—that these leaders do not speak for the Catholic people.

Gov. Lehman recognized the essential danger of the bill when he declared that he vetoed it **"in the interest of safeguarding democracy."** And further when he stated that if approved **"we might readily find that it had opened flood gates of oppressive legislation in the nation against religious, racial, labor and other minorities."**

That is evident in the fact that this fascist bill was an attack not only on the Communists and all other progressives, but on the Catholics, Jewish and Negro people—and in the last analysis on the civil rights of the citizenry as a whole. Under a so-called "anti-Communist" pretext, it would have barred progressives of all denominations from holding civil service or public positions.

In addition to being a set back to reaction, Gov. Lehman's action is a declaration against the Tories on a city, state and national scale.

Therefore, the rejection of the McNaboe bill is of first-rate political importance not only for the Communist Party but especially for New Deal democracy and for the democratic front taking shape throughout the country. The broad character of the opposition to this measure among the people of New York was an effective example of the necessary development of that democratic front.

With this decision, the forces of progress and democracy are strengthened in their fight against the Tammany Al Smith-Copeland-Mahoney clique whose reactionary efforts to scuttle the progressive city administration are hallmarked with red-baiting. The decision can be of service against the national Tammany right wing of the Democratic Party represented by the Wheelers, Burkes, Glasses and Byrds. These, along with the Vandenberg-Hoover Republicans, are the gentry who are now out to kill President Roosevelt's progressive Reorganization Bill as another step in their attempts to smash the entire New Deal program and eventually the administration.

And these are the Tory forces whose alien fascist-like activities represent the main subversive threat to American democracy. They are the ones, who, with the Hearsts, breed the "Stormtroop" McNaboe bills and who seek to undermine the democracy and liberty of the people.

Moreover, if this bill had been signed, it would have been joyously hailed by the international fascist war-makers—the Rome-Berlin-Tokio Axis. In this sense, Gov. Lehman's veto was a contribution to peace.

As for the Communist Party, Gov. Lehman showed in his statement that he does not understand its program or policies. He accepted the false theory that the Communist Party is a "threat to democratic government," when, in fact, the Communist Party is the most energetic fighter for democracy and for the widest front of the people to maintain and extend democracy.

In an address before a recent convention of the Massachusetts State Communist Party, Earl Browder, general secretary of the Party, said:

"American democracy, as established by the Constitution and the victory of Jefferson in 1800, is in danger of being destroyed. But it is not threatened by the Communists, nor by any vague proletarian dictatorship. It is threatened only from the side of the privileged, the rich, the Liberty Leaguers, Wall Street and their agents and lackeys. The Communist Party throws all its resources into forming and strengthening the united front of all progressive and democratic people to defeat the reactionary threat, to preserve the Constitution for the people, to maintain and extend American democracy."

However, Gov. Lehman's false estimation of the Communist Party in no sense detracts from his action, as a valuable aid to the progressive and democratic forces of the country.

The pledge of the Communist Party to the people is that it will continue, in all its activities, to make the greatest contributions to maintain and extend the democratic institutions of the land.

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Max Eastman— Judge Of 'Peace'

Max Eastman is to be one of the judges in an essay contest for students on the subject of peace.—News Item.

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• On March 5 Christian Rakovsky, one of the 21 conspirators in the recent trial in Moscow, testified that he was accepted by the British government in 1925 as the Ambassador of the Soviet Union, only after Max Eastman had approved him as a reliable Trotzkyite. Two British Intelligence Service Agents who recruited Rakovsky as one of their espionage agents in the Soviet Union told Rakovsky (as he testified at the trial)—

"We made inquiries about you from Mr. Eastman and heard of your attachment to Mr. Trotzky's trend and your intimacy with him. And only as a result of this circumstance, the Intelligence Service did not object to our Government giving its consent to your appointment as Ambassador to this country."

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This sensational bit of evidence, linking an American citizen with the Intelligence Service of the British Tories, and with other Trotzkyites who in turn were agents of the German and Japanese secret service—was completely suppressed by the capitalist press in this country. The Daily Worker alone printed the news.

Now we find this agent and spy, Eastman, whom Stalin called a "ganster of the pen" a year ago, trying to cover up his tracks by becoming a judge in a "peace" contest—just as Trotzky tries to hide his fascist connections by posing as a "revolutionist."

And when Eastman appears in a "peace" contest—that's news for the capitalist press.

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An American Dictatorship— Where the Danger Lies

• A battle for democracy, for the right of popular government to exist and expand, is now being fought in our country today.

Behind the fanatical fight to kill the democratic and efficient Reorganization Bill is not merely a suddenly discovered opposition to government improvements which have been proposed as far back as 40 years ago.

There is the far larger issue which the American people voted upon in such historic numbers in the 1936 elections.

America gave President Roosevelt 27,000,000 votes, the greatest vote in our history, for a mandate of social reform, for progressivism and democracy.

At every step, the embittered and hard-mouthed Wall Street gangs have tried to sabotage and nullify this democratic wish of America. The Supreme Court fight, the TVA, the tax fight, the Wage-Hours Bill, etc., have all been milestones in this basic and bitter struggle.

What is of serious concern to every American is that the fight around the Reorganization Bill has uncovered a new depth of anti-democratic hatred and hypocrisy in the plot to nullify popular Government.

Not only are the daily headlines in the reactionary press models of distortion and innuendo against the Administration, but the very tone of jeering insult, echoed in the latest cry of "dictator," is very much like the language of a Goebbels or a Hitler against democracy in general.

The vastness of the perjury and fraud being used by the press, the radio politicos, and the "telegram protests," has reached such a stage, that the President of the United States yesterday indicted the whole reactionary propaganda machinery as "purchased" and "based on misrepresentation."

The majority of the American people stand today in direct opposition, in direct hostility, to the agencies of public opinion which have become the tools of a reactionary, minority conspiracy to defeat not only the results of the democratic 1936 elections, but the very process of democratic elections altogether.

It is fact for every American to ponder over that between the popular will and the propaganda in the press there is an ever-gnowing gulf.

Yes, indeed there is danger of a Dictatorship in America today.

But it does not come from the 27,000,000 Americans who voted for the New Deal and democracy. It does not come from the efforts to put the 1936 mandate into practice.

The danger of a reactionary dictatorship comes very literally and imminently from the deliberate scheme of the Hearsts, Vandenbergs, du Ponts and Morgans to make that 1936 mandate null and void because it interferes with their selfish, monopoly interests. It comes from the conspiracy of the reactionary press in America.

And that is what lies behind the Reorganization bill fight.

"In his disclaimer of dictatorial ambitions," remarked Earl Browder pointedly, "President Roosevelt has merely emphasized the obvious."

President Roosevelt's main weakness thus far has been his hesitancy to execute boldly the 1936 mandate, over the sabotage of his enemies in the camp of reaction. It has been these very hesitancies which have emboldened reaction to raise the false cries of "dictator." **Let the Administration push the social reforms so vitally needed by the people, and the cry of "dictator" will sound to the people clearly for the miserable piece of provocation and fraud that it is.**

In acting today in support of the Reorganization Bill, we help defeat American fascism, help to clear the way for democratic advan

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

• Tokio's reverses on the fighting front in China have their counterparts on the home front in Japan.

Even before the expanding Chinese armies made their amazing stand in Shantung province, stopping the mechanized Japanese push in its tracks, economic difficulties were storing up trouble for the fascist samurais in Japan.

The prospects of continued, effective Chinese resistance will aggravate a situation in Japan that was becoming daily more unfavorable for Japan's military plans in China.

Evidences of Nipponese economic dislocations are so numerous we limit ourselves here to the most important details. It will please all engaged in boycotting Japanese imports to learn that for the first two months of 1938 Japanese goods in the world markets declined by 18 per cent. The business source from which we obtained this information said: **"And this trend is just beginning. It is expected to grow worse."** The greater share of the decline is due to the efficacy of the boycott. The increased need of transforming Japanese industry into war industry—that is, direct armament-producing plants—has also contributed to the drop.

Especially silk has been hard hit. The Japanese government fears that silk sales in the U. S. will shoot down more rapidly. And to stave off trouble with silk growers—which includes nearly the entire peasantry—the government has ordered the purchase of 10,000 bales of silk in the next five months to be stored away.

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Inflation was creeping up on Japan. Its effects have not yet registered but it won't be long now. The government has increased its currency issue by 1,000,000 yen. War expenditures expanding enormously insure further running of the money-printing presses.

For the actual conduct of the war since July, 1937, the Japanese government has provided 7,350,000,000 yen (a yen is now worth 29 cents). Nearly all of this has been spent. However, the grand total of army and navy expenditures from 1937, supposed to last to the end of 1938, amount to 10,000,000,000 yen. This is so frightening the Japanese people that the army has had to conduct a publicity campaign to quiet down complaints about oncoming increas in taxes and other unbearable burdens.

The army is grossly misrepresenting its "conquests" in China, keeping from the Japanese people the facts that not a single mile of their conquered territory is safe from guerrilla fighting and that the difficulties in holding "the rich lands" is greater and more costlier now in men and money than ever before.

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We have received an excerpt from a private letter to a bankers and business agency in the United States with an unusually interesting commentary on the Chamberlain government. This is intended for the information of American capitalists though you will find nothing like it in the capitalist press:

"Whether Chamberlain can again be successful in advising the nation to 'take it with a grin' is doubtful. Local rates and taxes have been, or will be, increased. Consequently, the country is getting very sore. It has lost confidence in Chamberlain, if it ever had any. His foreign policy is a flat failure. The military aircraft situation is a scandal. The difficulty of obtaining recruits for the army is scarcely less so and the disinclination of the country to respond to pleas for volunteers in air defense must be discouraging. There seems to be a total lack of ESPRIT DE CORPS in the government, from top to bottom, and little appreciation of the seriousness of the country's position in relation to the European situation. Churchill is the one man who seems to have a thorough grasp of what is going on and is big enough to put aside partisan politics. Attlee [leader of the Labor Party] and his crowd destroy their effectiveness by action at the wrong time and in the wrong direction.

"A basic evil today in Britain is a lying press, which is concealing from the people the true state of affairs and is propping up a government, many of us think, which is ridiculous in its stupidity and inability to grasp realities. One financial paper has conscience and courage, but I can find neither of these qualities in any other publication. Short of the abdication episode, seldom has there been witnessed such press sycophancy and downright dishonesty as has recently been inflicted on the British public."

The estimate of Winston Churchill in the above unusual letter from a Conservative source has a false ring to it. Mr. Churchill's criticism of Chamberlain's policy does not prevent Winston from coming to the rescue of the Chamberlain government and from supporting Franco in Spain.

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The information contained in the above letter is paid for highly by leading American capitalists and bankers.

All the more surprising is the outspoken attack on the British capitalist press. Lying about the situation in Britain is not limited to the British press. The American capitalist press which was not bound by the "gentlemen's agreement" concerning the love affair of the Duke of Windsor, the ex-King, seems to have, for the most part, come to some tacit arrangement with the British Tory press about carrying the campaign of lying over to this country.

SPURNED

by Ellis

Letters From Our Readers

Moral Duty of Law-Abiding Nations to Cooperate—

Editor, Daily Worker:

New York City.

In the field of international relations there has always been claimed the existence of a high moral duty for law-abiding nations to co-operate among themselves that order and respect for the rights of each sovereign state be kept inviolate.

The society of nations is like a chain. Each one a link that ought to strictly keep its place and strength of moral solidarity with the rest. If one or more of the links by the use of force and violence encroaches upon the stability and rightful place in the chain of other or others of the links; and, at the same time, one or more of the remaining ones chooses to remain "neutral" or "isolated" the result is chaos from which, sooner or later, no one can escape suffering bad moral and material consequences.

Obviously there can never be moral unity of the human race while aggressions so barbaric as are taking place today continue to be not only tolerated, but in conspicuous instances actually encouraged by such dishonest diplomatic subterfuges as the London Non-Intervention Committee and the un-neutral Neutrality Act in the United States.

If democracy means anything for the good of humanity it means active participation in collective efforts for the maintenance of peace, the outlawing of war, and the taking of prompt and stern measures for restraining any offender of these aims. In no other way can human society be expected to subsist and thrive on an ascending rhythm of civilization and the furtherance of higher moral values in all corners of the earth. A WORKERS' CORRESPONDENT.

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'Recent Trials Clarified Role of Oppositional Cliques'—

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The trial of the "Bloc of Rights and Trotskyists," which has just closed, has more than any preceding one clarified the content, scope and ideology of the oppositional cliques. I believe our understanding of anti-Sovietism has been enlarged and deepened. The rough edges in our conception of active counter-revolution and its assorted allies have been filed smooth by what we have learned in the past few days.

At each advance toward Socialism, these traitors sprang up with their sickly, defeatist, reactionary ideas, adding themselves to the hurdles the Soviet people were taking with giant strides. Numerous have been the occasions when the masses rejected this villainous ideology of the hirelings and navvies of capitalism.

As inevitable as it was for these leaders of counter-revolutionary ideas and wrecking to line up with the wolves outside of the borders of the Soviet Union, so it was inevitable that the masses would smoke them out of their places and choke their activity for all times.

The significant thing to remember is that capitalism breeds such tools, and these naturally will find their place among the ranks of the revolution in order to undermine it. They may parade like Trotsky as an orator and oracle, or as Bukharin as a philosopher and theoretician, but they harbor only an obstructive and destructive ideology. They function only as tools for a perishing economy and culture. When the struggling masses take a good look at their faces they see the rotten visage of traitors who once claimed some right in their ranks.

The Old Bolsheviks, Stalin, Molotov, Kagonovich, Voroshilov, Litvinov, Kalinin, Manulsky, etc., stand firm in the ranks as they have always stood. They are defenders of the revolution, not its antagonists. There is no doubt in the minds of the Soviet people, and the people all over the world, as to who are the Old Bolsheviks, and who the Old Traitors. D. J. O.

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Veteran of Lincoln Brigade Speaks—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

War today has been brought about by the fascist nations. Italy in its conquest of Ethiopia has proven to the world that she is not for peace. Germany marching into Austria, destroying the independence of that nation and its democracy has also proven that she is an aggressor nation. Japan and its march into peaceful China, has proven that the anti-Communist bloc is not a bloc against Communism but a bloc against the democratic and peaceful smaller nations. Their policy is to conquer the weaker nations and prepare for future attacks on powerful democratic nations.

My being in Spain has proved to me that fascism and its drive for war must be stopped by all democratic powers. President Roosevelt in his speech in Chicago on October 5th calling for collective security against the aggressor nations is humane in regard to the people of America. Congressman O'Connell has introduced a bill following out Roosevelt's advice for the protection of the people of America, calling for the amendment of the so-called Neutrality Bill and boycotting the aggressive nations, being what we as Americans should do to prevent these nations from destroying the peace of the world.

Exposing these war-desiring nations I want to relate to their method of fighting which is of importance to the people of today. Fascist methods in war do not alone take in the destroying and attacking the front-line trenches which we have always believed was war; today they attack the cities inhabited by women and children who are innocent victims of fascist war tactics.

Veterans who have returned from the Loyalist army cannot express fully the scenes of women and children being taken from a building that had just been bombed by German and Italian planes, children who a moment ago had been playing in the streets observing the planes coming over them, were horror-stricken knowing that there was no protection whatsoever from planes whose bombs were death to them.

Observing such tactics, one could always say that fascism has showed itself clearly that it has no regard for the lives of women and children; destroying is their main object. Fascism must be stopped and not allowed to continue freely with their policy. We who have returned and pledged ourselves to stop fascism and fight for peace throughout the world. We call upon the American people to support the O'Connell bill which is the closest to the peace policy of all democratic people.

VETERAN OF THE LINCOLN BATTALION.

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D.W. Drive Encouraged By Art Shields' Article—

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I would like to take this opportunity as a member of the Communist Party and as a Section Organizer to commend you on the series of articles written for the Daily Worker by Comrade Art Shields on conditions in our great city.

One of these articles, which covered my own section, appeared in the Daily Worker on Friday, March 25. We took steps to popularize that edition by issuing leaflets, arranging open-air meetings, as well as discussing this issue with some leading people in the community.

We placed an order for 2,000 copies of that issue of the paper. We hope that this first trial of popularizing a particular article in the Daily Worker will result in the mobilization of our whole Party membership for a consistent, organized promotion of the Daily Worker all year round in our territory.

CARL VEDRO, Section Organizer.

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A Letter to Cardinal Hayes

Flushing, Long Island.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following letter was sent to His Eminence Cardinal Patrick Hayes, in reply to his sentiments as expressed in the N. Y. Times:

Your Eminence:

As a good Catholic who believes literally in the fundamental teachings of Christ, His compassion and sympathy for the poor and oppressed, I wish to voice my earnest disapproval of your sentiments reported in the Times. To me, and an ever increasing number of Catholics, such erroneous expressions are conducive to Catholic demoralization. How our Church dignitaries can continue to voice sympathy for butcher Franco, who is supported by predatory wealth in Spain—not to mention Mussolini and Hitler from without—is more than honest Catholics can endure.

Any sincere student of Spanish history knows that the present struggle of the duly constituted government, supported by Catholics, is against medievalism and oppression, for which the Church is not too innocent. As for the Loyalist government being dominated by Communists, that is totally untrue and misleading. Objective perusal of the facts will prove this. Christ's sympathies were definitely with the poor and oppressed, from which class he sprang. As a good Catholic I've thrown my lot in with them, as opposed to wealth, power and its abuses. We pray to the same God, Your Eminence, and I'm confident He'll listen to those whose sympathies coincided with His while He was on earth. I shall not only continue to pray, but diffuse the truth by word and pen to the best of my ability. My task is the easier. Sincerely and humbly yours, A CATHOLIC.

Change the World

Reactionary Wolves Dress Up Like Liberal Lambs

by MIKE GOLD

WE SIMPLY will have to do something to stop all these hard-shelled reactionaries from dressing up in liberal clothes whenever they have a rooking job to do on the American people.

The latest example to come to my attention is the TVA case. With reference to the removal of chairman Arthur Morgan by Roosevelt, some curious statements were uttered by Senator Bridges, who is a veritable Wall Street Cambronne and notorious Tory from New Hampshire.

Senator Bridges said that Mr. Roosevelt's procedure was that "of the typical dictator." He described the incident as another "Dreyfus case," and added:

"Is Dr. Morgan to be banished, as was Dreyfus, to save the reputation of other officials of the TVA? The President has convicted an innocent man without a fair trial."

Nobody ever heard Senator Bridges asking for the release of Tom Mooney, which, if one must find parallels, is the Dreyfus case of our time and our land.

The Senator picks for an American Dreyfus a champion of the utility trusts, a typical intellectual White Guard who has been sabotaging, obstructing, defaming and destroying Roosevelt's attempt at cheap electricity for the American people.

The TVA project was begun by Roosevelt in 1933. It is our first great national experiment in power development and economic planning; embracing an area of 652 miles, some 2,000,000 persons and 1,000 cities, towns and villages.

The government in five years has spent $150,000,000 in this Tennessee Valley, its chief activities having been dam and power-plant construction, power distribution and erosion and flood control.

When the project is finished satisfactorily, according to original plan, an area two-thirds the size of England will have been lifted into a new economic life.

Actually, a question involving the future of 2,000,000 Southern folk, the question of whether they will rise out of hill-billy poverty, or remain there, is wrapped up in this TVA project. The best people of the South recognize this fact, and are fighting for the TVA.

But why is the project opposed so bitterly? Surely its objects are so good that no one ought to oppose TVA any more than one would hinder the establishment of a new hospital or the Mississippi levee or the public school.

But it is opposed by the utilities trust, who don't want TVA selling cheap electric power to the people. Arthur Morgan wants the government to turn over the power it produces to the utilities trusts for distribution, so that they may make their profit on the hospitals, schools and levees.

That's what all the shooting is about, and I say that Senator Bridges and Arthur Morgan are ignoble men, who should not steal the name of the martyred Dreyfus to cover their own mean little chisselling war for an extra dollar.

Marxist Day Courses for Workers' School This Summer

Six Weeks of Intensive Training Include Political Economy, Marxism-Leninism and Survey of American History

A six-weeks' summer Marxist day school, probably the first of its kind outside the Soviet Union, will open in New York this summer. Designed to give a solid foundation of Marxist theory, this full-time day school will bring together students from every section of the country. It will be staffed by instructors of outstanding ability and long experience.

By careful selection of materials and by intensive study under the most favorable conditions, students can obtain in this summer day school a thorough grounding in Marxism-Leninism.

In order to give students the advantage of work in a small group, no more than 40 persons will be admitted.

School term: The summer day school will open Tuesday, July 5, and close August 12, 1938.

Schedule: Classes will be held four days a week—Monday through Thursday—from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Curriculum: Political Economy I and II or, for more advanced students, a seminar in Marx's "Capital"; Marxism-Leninism I and II; Survey of American History.

Lectures and Trips: A brief session on Fridays will include lectures by prominent authorities on topics of current interest, and a weekly analysis of news events. A number of special trips are scheduled for week-ends.

Fee:—For the entire course, $25. The school will assist out-of-town students to obtain room and board as cheaply as possible.

Registration begins at once. All inquiries should be addressed to Elizabeth Lawson, Director, Summer Day School, 35 East 12 street, New York City.

Left on Broadway

Trotzkyites Become Laughing Stock of Columbia University Students

By Manngreen

ROAR, LION, ROAR!—The action of today's true story takes place at Columbia University and centers around the Trotzkyite faction in the Columbia University Peace Council. You probably will enjoy this delicious little tale because it is true and oh! so typical.

Of course you know that there is nothing so vicious as a Trotzkyite with a college degree. Like a two-headed snake, it is doubly poisonous. But then again a two-headed snake usually has trouble deciding which way it wants to go. Thus it ends up by becoming a mere wiggle of confusion.

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The Peace Council was discussing the question of whether the arms embargo against democratic Spain should be lifted. As usual the Trotzkyites were again' it. In spite of their objection, however, a motion was made and seconded to lift the embargo immediately. Then the fun began.

Miss Charlotte Bentley arose. "Do not lift the embargo on Spain," heckled the female Trotzkyite. (Mind you, her intention was to confuse the pro-Loyalist movement.) "Instead," she continued, "I amend that motion to read, 'Place an arms embargo on Germany and Italy, instead!'"

There was silence. Something must have gone wrong. A Trotzkyite coming out for a German and Italian arms embargo? Wowww! Even as an attempt at heckling it seemed to be going pretty far. But the amendment was immediately seconded and accepted. During the ensuing discussion it was decided to vote separately on the amendment and the motion.

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In the meantime an agitated group was huddling in the corner and raising hell with poor Miss Bentley. The kid was almost in tears. She had really pulled a boner. When the motion was passed to lift the arms embargo on democratic Spain, her face was pathetic to see. Then to make things worse, Trotzkyite Floor Leader Kusey arose dramatically and, glaring at the chastened culprit, practically spit out the words, "I wonder if Miss Bentley really meant what she thought she meant when she made the amendment to place an embargo on Germany and Italy." Kusey was fit to be tied. Imagine a member of his faction suggesting a boycott of Germany and Italy! Horrendous!

Miss Bentley arose, twisting her handkerchief like Zasu Pitts and pleaded, "I would like to amend my own amendment by adding Soviet Russia to the list of countries under the embargo."

The poor two-headed snake was confused!

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Miss Bentley was laughed down, and the story ends happily. The Council approved a fine collective security platform and the Trotzkyite faction, who had planned to disrupt the movement to raise the embargo against Spain, had, through their own confused mental processes, become instrumental in forming the council's excellent foreign policy platform.

And the two-headed snake is—to mix metaphors in the academic doghouse—the laughing stock of Columbia University.

Casting Notes

The New Labor Theatre will cast "Remember Pedrocito," by John Loftus this evening at 7 P. M., at 268 East 78th Street. Actors and actresses are invited to attend. The play will be directed by Maurice Clarks whose current production of "Haiti" received wide acclaim.

'LENIN *in* OCTOBER'

New Soviet Masterpiece Reveals True Leaders of the Revolution And Exposes Plotters and Traitors

By David Platt

The time is Autumn, 1917; the scene, a Finnish train nearing Petrograd. Several people are on board. One of them, a smiling good-natured fellow, says anxiously: "Vladimir Ilyitch, will you please move away from the window?" Getting no response, he repeats: "Please move away from the window."

Vladimir Ilyitch Lenin, founder of the Bolshevik Party, leader of the October Revolution, and hero of the film, moves away and speaks quickly, forcefully, a little impatiently: "Here's an article for Pravda. Give it to Stalin. Have him meet me tomorrow. Give this letter to my wife. Tell her not to worry. Ask her what the Viborg District has done. Don't write it down. Keep it in your head."

Lenin's aide offers him a revolver in case of attack.

"No," says Lenin, a twinkle in his eye, "the Party commissioned you to deliver me safe and sound."

"Then get away from the window," pleads the aide.

Lenin has come secretly to Petrograd to prepare for an immediate

armed uprising against the Provisional government.

So begins the Soviet Union's most astonishing historical film, "Lenin in October," with Boris Shchukin as Lenin. Here, for the first time, are the actual leaders of the October Revolution: Lenin, Stalin, Dzerzhinsky, Uritzky, Sverdlov, Molotov, each of them played with painstaking accuracy by Soviet artists.

Shchukin's Lenin is perfect to the smallest detail of apparel, gesture, gait, mannerism, make-up and voice. This actor has re-created Lenin's deepest emotional and mental characteristics to the point where it's impossible to separate the man Lenin from the artist Shchukin.

Beautiful and Tender Personality

The warm, human, humorous Lenin comes to life. For example, as Lenin is about to leave the meeting of the Central Committee without a coat, Dzerzhinsky offers his.

"Oh, I don't need it," Lenin answers good-naturedly.

"Here, take the coat," insists Dzerzhinsky. "It's an order of the Central Committee."

Lenin takes the coat.

Stalin meanwhile has been giving a few instructions to Lenin's aide. "I hold you personally responsible for his safety. Don't let him out of your sight."

One of the most affecting scenes shows the aide and his wife watching over the great revolutionist as he sleeps, his entire body buried deep in the blankets on the floor.

Such little, revealing incidents add up to the creation of a beautiful and tender personality.

But the film reveals also the Lenin who is a veritable dynamo of energy and action, furious with opportunists and traitors.

Shortly after his arrival in Petrograd he attends the famous November meeting of the Central Committee of the Party. He lashes like a lion into Kamenev, Zinoviev and Trotzky for obstructing the revolution. His thumping words, taken from the actual minutes of the meeting, are worth quoting at this time:

"I don't see any difference between the proposals of Trotzky and those of Kamenev and Zinoviev. Both proposals mean waiting. To wait for a meeting of Soviets or for a Constituent Assembly is one and the same thing. Well, it's obvious we don't travel the same road. We won't wait for a bourgeoisie to crush the revolution. And Comrade Stalin is entirely right when he says we mustn't wait. The proposal of Trotzky and Kamenev with Zinoviev is complete idiocy or complete treachery. These sad pessimists are constantly asking us here, 'But if-if-if-if . . .'—arguments which remind one of the saying, 'One fool can ask ten times as many questions as ten wise men are able to answer.' I repeat: It is necessary with the greatest determination to raise the question of an immediate armed uprising, an immediate seizure of all the power by the Soviets."

Enemies of Revolution Exposed

Despite these unprincipled traitors, however, a Revolutionary Military Committee, including Stalin, Dzerzhinsky, Uritzky, Sverdlov, is set up to carry through the Uprising.

Let the Trotzkyites and other enemies of the Soviet Union try to refute the authenticity of the speeches and events in "Lenin in October." Let those who cried "frame-up" during the Moscow Trials listen to Lenin's resounding denunciation of Zinoviev and Kamenev for betraying the decisions of the Party and publishing a counter-revolutionary article against the Uprising, openly, in a non-Party paper:

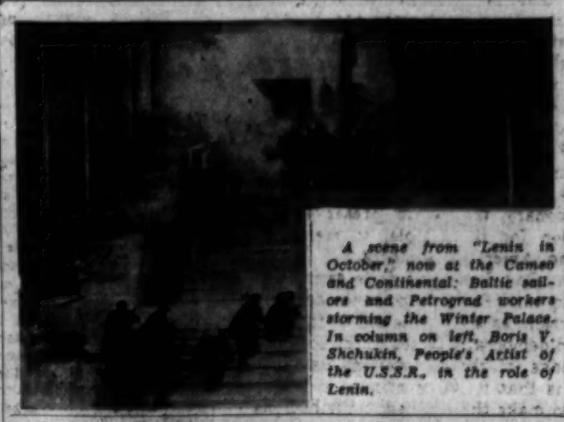
"I would consider it a shame if, in consequence of my former closeness to these former comrades, I were to hesitate to condemn them. I say outright that I do not consider them comrades any longer, and that I will fight with all my powers, both in the Central Committee and at the Congress, to expel them both from the Party."

These are the so-called "old Bolsheviks" now being taken to heart by the enemies of the Soviet Union today. Lenin properly condemned them as traitors and bandits as far back as 1917.

On the evening of the Revolution, Lenin arrives at Smolny Institute, headquarters of the Revolutionary Committee. The workers in the Putilov factory are marking time. All through the film the Putilov factory stands as a symbol of the Party's contact with the masses in the factories and shops. With the storming of the Winter Palace (a splendid re-enactment of the event, far superior to Eisenstein's "Ten Days") and the arrest of the heads of the Provisional Government, comes victory for the Soviets, for the people.

At the meeting of the Second Congress of Soviets on November 7, Lenin marches proudly down the hall to the platform, amid wild, jubilant applause from all sides: "He's like one of us," a peasant whispers. Lenin takes the rostrum, arm outstretched for silence. The audience is tense. His words are few and simple: "Comrades! The workers' and peasants' revolution, of whose necessity the Bolsheviks have always spoken, has been accomplished."

Thus ends what is without a doubt the most remarkable historical film ever made, a film which has rendered full justice to the persons and the events which shaped the October Revolution. It will clear up a lot of nonsense as to exactly how the October Socialist Revolution was carried out, who carried it out, and who did everything possible to crush it.



A scene from "Lenin in October," now at the Cameo and Continental: Baltic sailors and Petrograd workers storming the Winter Palace. In column on left, Boris V. Shchukin, People's Artist of the U.S.S.R., in the role of Lenin.

Furriers Strike Hall Becomes Workers' Educational Center

Strikers Take Part in Discussion of Economic, Political and Social Topics of the Day

Today, when 20,000 fur workers are out on a general strike, the Educational Department of their union is carrying out an experiment which is attracting the attention of everybody interested in workers' education. They have transformed the strike hall into a workers' educational center.

The scene is Irving Plaza, one of the two strike halls, at 2 P. M. Two thousand strikers come to order and hall chairman Jack Schneider introduces Maurice Schwartz, beloved artist of the Yiddish stage.

"My friends, I am proud to be here," Schwartz begins. "Your union is an inspiration to all workers. . . . I am with you heart and soul. . . . With your policies, your leadership, you can't lose. . . ."

The hall rocks with applause.

The strike hall is turned into a university of life, workers each day listening to the best on the Yiddish and English stage and taking part in discussions of economic, political and social topics of the day.

Dr. Prigal, who has made a survey of health conditions in New York's fur shops, makes suggestions on improvement. The workers participate with a shrewdness that indicates a background of actual experience.

Lectures, Forums And Games

H. Gendell, of the Artef Theatre, contributes humorous recitations. The furriers roar with laughter when he satirizes a boss. He then initiates Ben Gold, head of the union, and the take-off is so good that somebody yells: "The Union has a spare now, if Gold gets tired."

Such events take place every afternoon at both the strike halls: Lectures, forums, movies, ping-pong tournaments. I. Kashdan, chess expert, tackles twenty-five furriers and the crowd cheers wildly as two furriers beat him.

Jennie Goldstein, noted Yiddish actress, has appeared twice before the strikers. Never had this famous actress so enthusiastic an audience.

Tony Kraber, radio and stage star, class-angles cowboy songs. Chaim Brisman of the Artef goes in for true songs of social significance. Melvin Heller swings on his harmonica. . . . And there's the home talent. The Furriers' Band plays, the acting groups perform, the mandolin orchestra strums, the chorus sings.

There are magazines, newspapers and pamphlets. A wall newspaper keeps them informed of daily developments. Talks by eminent authorities keep the workers posted on the economic crisis, the European situation, and on general events of the day.

When Barcelona was bombed recently, several strikers began a spontaneous collection to send an ambulance as a token of their solidarity with the Spanish people. Rank-and-filers unanimously put through a resolution in the strike hall for everyone to participate in the money-raising campaign and challenged the other strike hall to competition.

Education for the furriers is not something abstract and formal. It is a living part of their union activity.

'Life' Removes Its Mask Revels in Fascist Propaganda

March 28th Issue Deserts Its Usual "Impartiality" and Glorifies Activities of Hitler, Goebbels, Mussolini and Franco

By Eugene Gordon

Although for the sake of its profits still trying to make its readers accept its "impartial" mask as its real face, the weekly photo-magazine "Life," in its March 28 issue, could not help exposing its genuine features. And its genuine features in this issue take on the appearance of official fascist propaganda.

"Life" has occasionally veered in the direction of fascism. The unwary, however, has been confused by the magazine's immediately wavering back in the direction of liberalism or, at any rate, toward impartiality. The trick was accomplished by throwing in a few photographs, either in that issue or in a later one, which might be interpreted as friendly to the ideal of democracy or to the interests of labor.

At times "Life" has let its venom prevent it from showing its "impartial" face at all. The issue of July 19, last year, offers an apt illustration.

This number of the photo-magazine carried some of the best pictures of the Scottsboro boys yet to appear in print. They showed the youths to be human, and alive to the world about them. But just as "Life" abuses good photos of the Soviet Union by adding derogatory texts, it accompanied the pictures of the Scottsboro boys with reading matter intended to abase them and, through them, the whole Negro people.

Fascist treatment of the Negro people in the American press, however, is almost as old as the American press. The Negro for generations has been the movable target in the shooting gallery of America's abused minorities. He is there to be shot at and nobody is expected to apologize for hitting him.

Plays at Double-Dealing

"Life" of March 28 drops its mask of impartiality, yet, fearing lest its true face be glimpsed and recognized by those it would rather not offend at present, it immediately grabs up the mask and puts it on again. This fact is manifest in the overwhelming number of pages devoted to praise of fascism contrasted with the number allowed the fighters against fascism. "Life" must continue for a while to wear the mask, to play at double-dealing, to resort to clever insinuation—except when dealing with such defenseless national minorities as the Negroes.

Thus, in addition to presenting Hitler, Goebbels, the Nazi regime and Franco as something ideally sweet and beautiful, "Life" of cunningly gestures to hide its hideous pro-fascist face by printing two pages of Americans who have fought in defense of Spanish democracy.

Photographs in general have been selected with an eye actually to do as one caption declares, to "officially glorify" fascism and its dead "hero."

The "hero" in question is the notorious street brawler and pimp, Horst Wessel, killed in a Berlin street fight in 1930 and for whose death several innocent workers were executed. "Life" goes to great pains to print the Nazi "anthem," written in honor of Wessel; but even "Life" does not dare include the line calling for "Jewish blood."

Editors Down on Their Knees

The magazine goes pretty far, nevertheless. It speaks of Wessel's prostitute friends as "Communist"; refers slobberingly to Hitler's "sober sorrow" as he stands mooning over the pimp hero's grave; piles up snapshot after snapshot of Hitler, Goebbels, Mussolini and unassorted Nazis until the stoutest stomach of any decent reader can hardly hold down its dinner. It shows Viennese "housewives" riding in a rich automobile waving a Nazi pennant, and declares in accompanying caption that such women, coming into the streets by "thousands to cheer Nazi troops" on Hitler's invasion of Austria, are "unconcerned about intellectual liberty."

Everything about Hitler, Goebbels, Mussolini and Franco is admirable. "Life" editors could hardly have done a more efficient job of fascist bootlicking if they had been down on their knees actually, instead of figuratively, before their heroes.

Here are some random "Life" encomiums:

"One of the 100,000,000 Europeans speaking German in 1914 was the inconspicuous Austrian Adolph Hitler. . . . He fought bravely. But his side lost. . . . He fought the war for 20 years more. On March 11 he yanked Austria into the Third German Reich and, in the words of a hundred newspaper correspondents, 'won the war single-handed.'" . . . "There is no secret about what Adolph Hitler wants to do to the map of Europe. . . . The only war he wants is a war with Soviet Russia." . . . "The super-efficient Nazi machine had steamrollered old Austria into a subordinate province of the German Reich." . . . "Berlin's night life is reviving now and reassuming the champagne swank which befits the capital of an expanding empire." . . . "Franco is no fire-eating dictator, but a bewildered professional soldier." . . . "Franco's value to his cause lies more in his tact and his amiability . . . than in his ability as a military man."

What is the purpose of all this rotten fascist propaganda?

We see in the March 28 issue of "Life" a more open desertion of the old trick of "impartiality" and a brazen moving over to the side of the people's enemy. And "Life" does it as a conscious and well-calculated political maneuver, a fact to keep in mind.

LENNIE

Broderick Crawford appears nightly at the Music Box in the kit dramatization of Steinbeck's novel "Of Mice and Men."

Dots & Dashes

9:00 A. M.-WNYC—Masterwork Hour
1:00-WOR—Trans-radio News
WQXR—Quality Music
2:30-WQXR—Salon Strings, Georgs Steiner, Conducting
3:30-WOR—Trans-radio News
WMCA—Dick Fischell, Sports Review
7:00-WQXR—Just Entertainment, Jack Fulton, Andrews Sisters, Hoengarten Orchestra
WOR—Stan Lomax Sports Review
WQXR—Concert Hour
WHN—News
7:15-WMCA—"Five-star Final," News Dramatization
7:30-WMCA—Molly Picon
8:45-WINS—WPA Presents "Life In a Lumber Camp"
9:00-WEAF—Cities Service Concert
WJZ—Grand Central Station, Dramatic Sketch
WABC—The Ghost of Benjamin Wright, Dramatic Sketch
WOR—Johnnie Presents "What's My Name"
WEVD—Building Service Employees Union
WQXR—Concerto No. 2 in F Minor, Chopin
WHN—Original Amateur Hour
9:15-WEVD—Talk
9:30-WJZ—Death Valley Days, Dramatic Sketch
WABC—Paul Whiteman's Orchestra, Deems Taylor, Guest
WEVD—Insurance Clinic
9:45-WMCA—"The Truth Behind the News, As I See It," Johannes Steel
WOR—"Let's Play Games"
WEVD—Marie McDonald, Interesting Facts About Interesting Women
9:50-WABC—Hollywood Hotel, Preview of Good-by Broadway, Alice Brady, Charles Winninger and Others
WJZ—Tim and Irene, Comedians
WQXR—Herzer and Zoyer, Two Pianos
WMCA—"You Don't Say," Pronunciation and Definition Contest
9:30-WOR—Bamberger Little Symphony, Phillip James, Conducting
9:45-WQXR—Exploring the Arts and Sciences
10:00-WEAF—First Nighter Dramatic Program
WJZ—Glenn Lee, Fred Apostoli Fight from Madison Sq. Garden
WOR—"Twenty Years Ago Today," News Dramatics
WQXR—Classical Music
WABC—Song Shop, Quest
10:30-WEVD—"Office Workers on the Air," N. Y. Joint Council of U.O.P.W., Guest Speaker, Robert F. Wagner, Jr.
WOR—Invitation to the Waltz
11:00-WEVD—Symphonic Hour

PROGRAM NOTES:—The WPA Radio Unit announces that it has just completed a 30-minute recorded program tracing the history of its development since last April. These Recordings will be distributed throughout the country in order to acquaint the listening public with the work it is doing.

WOR will begin a series of Chamber Music Concerts on April 13. They will be sent from Washington.

WRN broadcasts the three-choir Festival on April 17 at 3 P.M.

Don't forget Comrade Crosbie's talk on Wednesday, April 6, at 9:15 in the Evening over Station WNEW.

Youth Congress Ball

The American Youth Congress benefit dance will take place at Mecca Temple, April 1st.

Benny Goodman and Duke Ellington verified their intention to appear at the Dance and lend their support to the Youth movement.

Health Advice

By Medical Advisory Board

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Cancer is admittedly a dread disease. Within the memory of many of us, its name was spoken like an ultimate doom, without hope of appeal; indeed, like death itself. Today, with the further progress of medical science, it has been possible to examine and study carefully, the different diseases that are lumped together under the term cancer and to lessen somewhat our deep ignorance. With the further help of radium and x-ray, we have acquired for use in certain cases two weapons against these diseases which are strong indeed, when properly used.

Our capitalistic society has always included these advances under the broad term of modern progress of science when it points to its own achievements. This is much as if the landlord of a tenement house where a starving pioneer of science labors, should point proudly to the house and then pat himself on the back as a great benefactor of the sciences. This is not far-fetched. Please remember the leaking shed where the Curies, discoverers of radium, labored and starved for years, even after their great discoveries had been made known to the world (Later they got the Legion of Honor Ribbon!)

Let us examine these claims of support for science and research that capitalism mouths so regularly. As said above, something is known about cancer today. What do we know? We know for instance that the answer to the cancerous diseases will not come from discovering a germ or bug, as in pneumonia. All our knowledge points to the fact that the development of cancer is bound up with the processes of body growth and development, and the profound changes that occur in the body at various stages of life. In other words, research must be extensively organized and outlined over a period of years, and it must develop and train its cancer experts, in order to come to grips with the problem.

Since our papers are filled daily with the accounts of what is done by this medical foundation and by that research grant, let us see what these magnificent monuments of capitalistic philanthropy have actually done with the problem of cancer.

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UNEARTHING A NEFARIOUS PLOT

By LESTER RODNEY

It is reported confidentially that the Brooklyn Daily "Beagle," having smelled out a plot, will shortly begin a series of articles exposing the nefarious plans of the Cincinnati "Reds."

John Hiss of the "Beagle" has been compiling sensational new evidence which will positively rock the National League to its very foundations (usually occupied by the Phillies).

A six codumn headline from the subversive Herald Tribune sports section, screaming "Reds Seen to Rise in National League" will be submitted in evidence.

The "Beagle" also has in its possession a document known as the "National League Green Book," which lists fully the names, heights, weights, past and present activities of the "Reds."

It has been definitely ascertained that four of the "Red" pitchers are left handers, while no less than SEVEN of the team bats left handed.

When interviewed by a "Beagle" sports writer in Florida, the Reds, it will be claimed, unashamedly confessed to overthrowing and causing to be defeated the Washington Senators by the horrendous score of 11-4.

Other items unearthed by Mr. Hiss is the fact that the Cincinnati team plans to open its season with James Paul OUTLAW on third base; they are developing a rookie outfielder named PINKY Jorgenson and show a distressing INTERNATIONAL character with such players as Charlie ENGLISH and Paul GEHRMAN on the roster.

It will be further pointed out that Outfielder Bongiovanni has had his name shortened in the box scores to Bongy, obviously a ruse with which to confound justice and create unemployment and unrest among linotype operators thrown out of work by the change.

Viewed with alarm by Mr. Hiss is Outfielder Lee Gamble, who hails from PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., a town which once refused to change its name to Harding, Pa.

Further extensive research reveals that the "Reds" won their lone Pennant and raised the red flag triumphantly in 1919. THE SAME YEAR that White General Yudenich was thrown back from Petrograd by the Kronstadt marines.

It will also be proved that last year's manager, Chuck Dressen, has been sent this year to organize the Nashville VOLUNTEERS of the Southern League.

Added to the amazing and unabashed statement of Commissar Bill McKechnie that the Reds' avowed ambition this year is to capture the National League flag, march on the Yankee Stadium (via municipal subway) and overturn the YANKEES toot sweet, it seems as though Mr. Hiss and the "Beagle" have something there.

It is also rumored that the "Reds" plan to play two games on Labor Day.

Louis Fite Tonite; Apostoli Meets Lee

CHICAGO, March 31.—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis makes his third title defense tonight in Chicago against durable but mediocre Harry Thomas. The great Negro battler is a heavy favorite to win by an early KO, with odds ranging as high as 20-1 on him to win the fight.

It is the last fight for Louis before the scheduled return match with Max Schmeling which will be held on June 22nd "somewhere in the United States." Schmeling is the only fighter to have beaten Joe in his meteoric rise to the top from the amateur ranks during which he has won 46 fights and lost but that one.

Louis won the title on June 28th, knocking out champion Jim Braddock in the eighth round at Chicago. In his two title defenses since then he outpointed Tommy Farr of England and KO'd Nathan Mann in three rounds.

APOSTOLI-LEE EVEN

Fred Apostoli, the "Golden Boy" of San Francisco who KO'd the champ of the middleweights, Fred Steele last year in a non-title fight, goes in a return fight at the Madison Square Garden tonight against Glenn Lee. Fred won a savagely fought decision from Lee last month and as the decision was fairly close, promised him a return bout.

Odds are even, as Lee showed a terrific amount of fight, punch and durability last trip and is aiming for the top.

Cards Sock Mungo, Blank Dodgers 3-0

Rookie Macon, Weiland Halt Brooklyn—Errors Help

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 31. — Somebody had to put the Brooklyn Dodgers in their place. And since none of the American League clubs seemed capable of performing the deed, the St. Louis Cardinals got together to hit Van Lingle Mungo for three runs and shut out the boys from Flatbush here today.

Rookie Max Macon and Bob Weiland held the Dodgers scoreless while their team mates took the ball game. Mungo only allowed five hits in the four innings he pitched, but they and couple of errors did the trick.

Two errors, a single and Joe Medwick's double gave the Cards two runs in the first inning. Macon singled to score Terry Moore who had singled and stolen second in the second frame.

Cookie Lavagetto, Brooklyn third baseman, continued his hitting spree with two for three, one of them a double.

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Office Workers Sore

The United Office and Professional Workers, Local 16, anxious to show everybody that they can win a basketball game, take on the strong United Wholesale Employes quintet at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, 73th Street west of Broadway, tonight. Proceeds of the game and dance will go to the general strike fund of the U.O.P.W.A.

Dodger's New Rookie Ace Was Inspired by Famous Old Negro Star

The Daffy Dodgers, pouncing around in spring training like a bolt out of Flatbush, have really one "old man" they can be right proud of. The lad, stealing most of the attention at the Brooklyn camp, is Tot Pressnell, Dodger righthand twirler, who stopped the Yanks yesterday.

Pressnell, like Jim Turner and Lou Fette of the Boston Bees, came up to the big-time from Double A ball at the ripe young age of 30. It was Pressnell's two boyhood idols which kept up his determination to play big-time ball—even at the age of 30. The first, and the one he speaks most about, was Grant Johnson, great Negro shortstop. The other was Stan Coveleski, the Polish spitballer who pitched for Cleveland the last time they won the pennant and world series from Brooklyn in 1920.

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Jimmy Braddock, retired ex-champ of the world, receives a cup as the "most courageous fighter" at the first dinner of the Veteran Boxers Association. Jack Dempsey and Lee Rains look on. No one can quarrel with that selection.

DuckyMovestoRoom403; Batting Mark He Wants

By Henry McLemore

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 31 (UP).—Call it coincidence if you like, or even if you don't like, but last year during spring training the Honorable Joe (Ducky Wucky) Medwick was quartered in a hotel room with the number 374.

It was exactly .374, no more and no less, that the Honorable Medwick hit during the 1937 season to lead all National League batsmen.

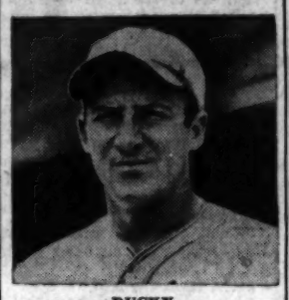
The hotel was the Osceola Gramatan, the town Daytona Beach.

This year when Medwick arrived in St. Petersburg to begin spring training, the manager of the Detroit Hotel, flanked by 17 bellhops three flunkies and a busboy, escorted him to the hotel's best room, as befitted baseball's mightiest hitter. The room had every known sort of ventilation, including dormer windows. It looked out on a park where sparrows chirped and larks hopped.

Much to the manager's astonishment Medwick took one look at the room, or rather one look at the number on the door of the room and refused it.

His explanation was very simple and to the point. The number of the room was 238 and Medwick, as superstitious as a Voodoo doctor, was afraid that would be just the percentage he would hit this year if he lived in it. So he moved upstairs, to a mean little room, almost an attic number. It was dark and it was dreary but on its door it had a number that inspired Medwick. It was room 403, and that's just what Medwick hopes to hit National League pitching for this year.

"I'm not saying I'm gonna get that high," Medwick said, "because when you're on top, and everybody knows you can hit, you oughta see the stuff those pitchers blow up there at you. I'm telling you that



DUCKY

I hit stuff last year that was so fancy, so screwy, that I didn't believe I'd hit it until I saw the box scores the next day.

"Hubbell never threw me an easy one. Neither did that Mungo. Neither did anybody else."

From this start Joe and I moved into a technical discussion of hitting and he explained to me a phase of hitting of which I knew nothing. Every good hitter has an "imaginary zone" and when the ball comes in there it gets swung at. This zone differs with each hitter. Medwick's zone, for example, is much bigger than that of the average hitter, and includes an area that takes in what would be bad balls for a less powerful hitter than Joe. He is so strong that he can half hit a ball and knock it for a double or a home run.

Joe doesn't try to outguess a pitcher. When a ball comes into his zone, he takes a whack at it, be it a curve, fast ball, change of pace, throw out or anything else. Medwick also dotes on hitting the first ball and gets many of his hits that way.

"A good deal of the time that first pitch is a sweet one," Joe told me. "It naturally would be, because smart pitchers are always working to get the edge on the batter."

It began to get stuffy in room 403 at that point so I moved back down to room 238 and sat with a rookie who said he would be mighty pleased to hit .238 in the National.

Champs Look Bad as They Head Home Minus DiMag And Old Home Run Punch

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 31.—Gloom and doubt hung heavy over the world champion, New York Yankees, today as they broke camp and headed north on a long exhibition tour.

It was one of the worst training sessions the Yanks have held since they became a power in the baseball world. Are the mighty Yankees at last cracking up and getting soft under too much prosperity and too many triumphs? Or is the jinx which sometimes attaches itself to two-time pennant winners is just getting its claws into the Yanks early.

These happenings may portend things to come:

Monte Pearson has been massacred in exhibition games. His ineffectiveness leaves the No. 3 spot on the pitching staff wide open.

Frankie Crosetti has a serious charlie horse and hasn't played an inning. His substitute at shortstop, Billy Knickerbocker, has a sore arm.

Lou Gehrig was out of action for a few days with a bruised hand, the first exhibition games he's missed in years. Maybe father time finally is catching up with the iron horse who has a chance to reach his 2,000th consecutive game in May.

Tommy Henrich has looked bad in the outfield, particularly his throwing, and one time had to be benched. George Selkirk also has been throwing badly and not getting his usual long-distance hits.

Rookie pitchers Joe Beggs and Steve Sundra have sore arms.

HOMERS MISSING

In their first 13 games the Yanks hit only four homers, an almost unprecedented paucity for them. Their long-distance power has been missing this spring. They lost a series to the Cardinals, four games to two, the first spring series they've lost since 1926.

And most of all, Joe DiMaggio, the man who made the present Yanks champions, is missing, a stubborn holdout. Col. Jake Ruppert says, "I won't give DiMaggio one button off my vest more than the $25,000 offered." But the Yanks have looked so terrible that manager Joe McCarthy may persuade Ruppert to have DiMaggio meet the Yanks for a conference when they arrive at New Orleans, April 2.

Right now the Yanks need DiMaggio worse than he needs them because he won't get a dime from his salary anyway until the season opens. The situation is definitely acute.

The bright spots in the Yanks are Lefty Gomez's pitching, Red Rolfe's general all-round play, Bill Dickey's hitting and rookie Joe Gordon's fairly favorable start at second.

The absence of Crosetti has been a severe blow. He and Gordon will now have to get used to each other during the regular campaign. No one knows when Crosetti will be ready to play.

The Yanks' lineup probably will be Gehrig, Gordon, Crosetti and Rolfe in the infield, Selkirk, DiMaggio (if and when he signs), and Henrich in the outfield, Dickey, Glenn and Jorgens catchers, and a pitching staff composed of Gomez, Ruffing, Pearson, Chandler, Murphy, Andrews, Stine, and possibly Donald, and Wicker, or Vance. Lee Stine from Kansas City and Atley Donald from Newark appear to be the best of the young crop of pitchers. However, Chandler, up last year but farmed out again when he came up with a sore arm, looks great and is certain to be a starter behind Ruffing and Gomez.

The Yanks will have to come a long way before they'll be in condition and at full strength to open the season. And until DiMaggio appears on the scene something vital will be missing.

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LOU GEHRIG
(Not Getting Younger)

With Negro Athletes

By BILL MILLS

When Va. Union tied the score against L. I. U. in the second half of last Thursday's K. O. to jim crow basketball game, the crowd went wild. That "Soupy' Campbell is all they say he is and then some. "Dolly" King, of LIU, making his second appearance of the evening, was effectively bottled up by the Omega boys.

When I questioned Clair Bee, L. I. U. coach, about the possibility of his team scheduling a Negro college team next season, he said."

"I don't know yet, but there is no reason why we should not. This Va. Union team is very good."

Tsk, tsk, Poor "Rens" are slipping. Only won 107 out 116 games. Tsk, tsk, tsk.

Track speedsters from all over the country are flocking to Ralph Metcalfe at Xavier. Wait until you see those boys this summer . . . Eddie Tolan found himself in court for speeding—in a car . . . "Big Bill" Watson of Michigan, Jimmy Smith of Indiana, and Dave Albritton of Ohio State, all winners in the Butler Relays.

Leon Day, star pitcher of the Newark Eagles and in my opinion the equal of Satchell Paige, is a Holdout. Glad to know that he has at last realized his worth . . . The veteran "Rev" Cannady replaces Bob Clark as manager of the Black Yankees . . . The acquisition of Mourney and Starks will add greatly to the batting punch of Semler's team . . . The new ten dollar fine for unruly players will do much to discourage those players in the N. N. L. who think it smart to do a 'Burleigh Grimes' . . . Black Yankees open league season May 14 against Homestead Grays in Pittsburgh.

Kenny Washington, U. C. L. A. grid star is playing short-stop on the Bruin baseball team and batting .600. . . If he throws the horsehide as far as he throws the pigskin, he must throw the ball out of the park.

Track Aces Go Tom'w

Herb Thompson, who took over Ben Johnson, speedy little Columbia University track captain recently, and Jim Herbert, crack NYU middle-distance runner, head a topnotch field at the 369th Regiment track meet tomorrow night. Archie San Romani is favored to win the mile race. Other stars who will perform are Eddie Grodon, Negro metropolitan and AAU broad jump champ, and Martin Johnson, YMCA two-mile champ.

Jewels Meet Jersey Reds for Pro Crown

The playoff series for the American Basketball League championship between the Jersey Reds and the New York Jewels will consist of the best three out of five games, starting tomorrow, April 2, at Columbia Park, Union City, N. J., and followed the next night at Arcadia Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y., with the second game.

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NEW MASSES Famous Spring Ball. William Gropper: Guest of Honor. Eli Dantzig and Orchestra. Big Apple presented by Arthur Murray. Exciting floor show. Friday evening, April 1, at the Manhattan, 311 W. 34th St. Tickets $1 in adv.; $1.50 at door. Reservations taken at New Masses. CA. 5-3076 until 6 P.M. Friday evening.

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TONIGHT! ALAN MAX speaks on Moscow Trials at the Senate, 310 E. 188th St., near Grand Concourse and Fordham Rd. Admission Free. . . . 8 P.M. Ausp. Communist Party, 5th A.D. Bronx.

LECTURE & RECITAL. GERMAN MUSIC: Hanns Eisler—lecturer. John Seully, soloist assisting. . . . 47 E. 12th St. . . . P.M. Friday, April 1st. . . . Ausp. Manhattan Chorus.

16TH REGULAR MUSICALE: Brahms Piano Quintet, Haydn Clock Symphony, Rudolf Jankel, Commentator. Adm. 15c. 8:30 P.M. 66 E. 12th St. Ausp. Downtown Music School.

Tomorrow

JACK STACHEL SPEAKS ON "THE ISSUES CONFRONTING THE TENTH PARTY CONVENTION." Admission 25c. . . . April 2nd, 2:30 P.M. . . . 2nd floor, 35 E. 12th St. . . . Ausp.: Workers School.

CLUB CORSAIR presents Allan King & Orchestra. (Season's HH) Hunts Point Palace, 163rd St. and Southern Blvd., Bronx. April 2. Adm. with this ad 25c; regular 50c. 9 P.M.

"THE METROPOLITAN CLUB Presents the Progressive Six in their annual Dance at the ALP Hall, 103 W. 110th St. . . Saturday, April 3 . . . 10 P.M. until . . .

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ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS of the Week by Albert Goldstone. Sunday, April 3, 8:30 P.M. Adm. 20c . . . 2nd floor, 35 E. 12th St. . . . Ausp. Workers School.

DINNER of Welcome for Delegates from People of Spain to the People of America. Ojier Pretecelle, Carmen Means, Jose Bergamin, Tuesday, April 5. 7 P.M. Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Avenue, $1.75 per plate. Reservations, Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, 31 Union Sq. West. AL. 4-5395.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL. Folk Dancing and Swing. Ralph Hayes Orchestra. Center Hotel, April 8th. Tickets 45c in advance. 9 P.M. Ausp.: International Labor Defense.

HARLEM SWING CLUB is Tops! Jam Session, benefit Labor Prisoners' Relief Fund. Sunday, April 3, 41 W. 124th St. 9 P.M. Subs. 25c.

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"HEYWOOD BROUN," a sketch and evaluation by Samuel Putnam, April 1st, 8:30 P.M. Workers School, 1213 Walnut St. Ausp.: Daily Worker Press Club Forum.

"AMERICA'S MOST EXCITING NEWSPAPER." First showing at a party in honor of W. H. John, National Circulation Manager. Swing Music, Fun, Food. Saturday, April 2nd, Artists Union, 1213 Walnut St. Daily Worker Press Club Party.

CAMP RIDGEDALE Victory Banquet. Sunday, April 3rd, Hotel Stephen Girard. Secure 3 Camp Members and be admitted Free.

WILLIAM BROWDER speaks on "The New Economic Crisis and the Middle Class." Sunday, April 3, 8:15 P.M. . . . People's Forum, 819 Locust St. . . . Subs. 25c.

BROWDER, FOSTER, FORD, BROWN, HUDSON, STACHEL, AMTER, BEN GOLD, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG and P. BROWN will be at Pat Toohey's Banquet on Friday, April 8, 8 P.M. at Stephen Girard Hotel, 22nd & Chestnut Sts. Will You? Reservations $1.25, General Admission 35c.

Coming

SAM PEVZNER, National Youth Director, IWO. Lectures. "What Road for Young America?" Adm. Free. Questions, Discussion . . . Sunday, April 3, 103 Bleecker St. Ausp. Section 31.

LITTLE LEFTY

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French Invite Soviet Mitt Slingers to Return Bouts

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., March 31.—French boxers, out to reverse previous defeats in Moscow at the hands of crack Soviet fighters, have invited a select Soviet team to visit France and try to do it again.

The French Amateur Boxing Association, which sent the invitation, is planning to put up a stronger team than before and hopes to show the Soviet fighters a thing or two. They were guests of the U. S. S. R. last December.

Sixteen sextets, the outstanding hockey combinations in the U. S. S. R., are competing in Moscow for the All-Union Ice Hockey Cup. Eight of them, winners from the eight zones into which the country is divided, have taken part in a grand elimination tournament which was watched by more than a quarter of a million spectators. The other eight teams represent the best to be had in Moscow and Leningrad.